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BIRTHS.

CHARTERS—January 4, 1925, at Birmingham, to Rev. Robert J. and Mrs. Charters, a son.

QUICK—December 31, 1924, at 2 Belgrove Villas, Clontarf, to Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Quick, a daughter (Eileen Doris).

MARRIAGES

CHESTER WALSH and HEDERMANN—November 25, 1924, at the Catholic Church, Soerabaya, Java, by Rev. Father Ketaman, Henry Chester Walsh, M.A. (Oxon), British Vice-Consul, Soerabaya, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Walsh, Williamstown House, Castlebellingham, Ireland, to Carla Hedermann, daughter of the Honorable Mr. Hedermann, General, Danish Army.

MURTAGH and MORAN—January 5, 1925, at the Church of the Three Patrons, Rathgar, by the Rev. T. Hill, C.C., Stephen Murtagh, Shelmalier, Orwell Park, Rathgar, to Josephine (Jo), youngest daughter of the late Edward Moran, Roebuck, Dundrum.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

ALDERSON—At her residence, Drumcill House, Kingscourt, Kathleen Agnes, widow of the late George Alderson. Funeral 2 o'clock to-morrow (Friday).

BUTLER—January 5, 1925, at Lavistown, Kilkenny, Harriet, younger daughter of the late John Butler, of Maiden Hall.

CARPENTER—January 6, 1925, Mary, widow of the late Thomas Carpenter, Castleblellingham. Fortified by the rites of the Holy Church. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on her. R.I.P. Funeral to-day (Thursday) at 12 o'clock to Clonmore Cemetery.

DOGHLAN—December 19, 1925, at 4 Golden avenue, Toronto, Canada, Sarah Coghlan, widow of the late James Coghlan, of Sopwell, Cloughjordan, County Tipperary, aged 80 years.

COWDY—January 4, 1925, at Ipoh, Perak, Federated Malay States, as the result of a motor accident, the Hon. Henry Lloyd Cowdy, B.Sc., fifth son of the late Anthony Cowdy and Mrs. Cowdy, Millmount, Banbridge. (By cable.)

CRAIG—January 7, 1925, at his son's residence, Dublin, Francis Craig, aged 86 years, late of Abbeyside, Dungarvan. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing family.

Life's race well run,
Life's work well done,
Life's victory won.
Now cometh rest.

FOY—January 7, 1925, at Church street, Athlone, Bernard Joseph, sixth son of the late John P. Foy and Mrs. Foy, Athlone. Funeral to Cornamagh Cemetery to-morrow (Friday) at 3 o'clock.

GARDINER—January 6, 1925, at Mercer's Hospital, Dublin, Elizabeth Mary (Bet), eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Gardiner, Dungiven.

GOWING—January 2, 1925, Elizabeth Gowing, relict of the late Francis Gowing, Killecommore, Kilkieran, Offaly. Deeply regretted. Funeral took place to Kilkieh Cemetery on January 5. Canadian and American papers please copy.

GRENNAN—January 7, 1925, at the Carmelite Priory, Aungier street, Rev. Thomas Grennan, O.C.C., in the 82nd year of his age and 65th of his religious profession. R.I.P. Requiem Mass and Office to-morrow (Friday) morning at 11 o'clock.

HARMAN—At San Francisco, California, Helen (Nellie), beloved wife of Patrick Hargan, Bolides of Chapel-Finerty, Ballinasloe, County Galway, and late of Boodle, Liverpool. R.I.P.

HODGENS—January 7, 1925, at his residence, 19 Hume street, Thomas Henry Hodgens, aged 68, only son of the late Thomas Walker Hodgens, R.H., dearly-loved husband of Sophie Hodgens. Interred at Mount Jerome.

HUDDLESTON—January 7, 1925, at his residence, Clonburris, Clondalkin, Robert, only child of late Hugh Huddleston, Armagh, in his 84th year. "At evening time it shall be light." Interred on Saturday. Funeral private. American papers please copy.

KELLY—January 4, 1925, at Burgh road, Aylsham, Norfolk, John Robert Kelly, son of the late John Hubert Kelly, Lansdowne, Mullingar.

LAIRD—January 6, 1925, at a Private Nursing Home, Francis Morrow Laird, B.A., of Castle place, Sandycove, aged 48 years, late of the Royal Dublin Fusiliers, and son of the late Rev. C. S. Laird M.A. Funeral leaving 42 Palmerston road for Mount Jerome to-morrow (Friday) morning at 10.3 o'clock.

LEAHY—January 7, 1925, at 2 Sydenham road, Dundrum, Neesh, youngest daughter of the late Daniel A. Leahy and Mrs. Leahy, of Cork, aged 21 years. R.I.P.

LEAVEY—January 6, 1925, at his residence, Templeogue Dairy, Templeogue, Walter Leavey. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and sisters. Funeral leaves St. Joseph's Church, Terenure, this day for Templeogue 3 o'clock.

McARDLE—January 6, 1925 suddenly, at her residence, 112 Rathgar road, Dublin, Jane, relict of late Denis McArdle, Drumnagilla, to the profound grief of her sons, sister, and family. R.I.P. Interment at Crossnaglan to-morrow (Friday) morning after 10.30 o'clock Mass.

MacCARTHY—January 5, 1925, at Mount Bernard, Crosshaven, Mary Kate, widow of the late F. J. MacCarthy, Esq., B.M., aged 93. Funeral strictly private. No flowers, by request.

NESTOR—January 6, 1925, at Glenco, Dunmore, Tuam, Patrick Vincent, eldest son of James Nestor, Merchant, Dunmore. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing father, brothers, and sisters. High Mass at Dunmore Parish Church at 11.30 o'clock this (Thursday) morning. Funeral immediately afterwards.

O'CONNELL—January 7, 1925, at 4 Ruland square, Dublin, John K. O'Connell, Secretary, Dublin Cemeteries Committee. Deeply regretted by his sorrowing wife and family. May he rest in peace. Funeral private. No flowers.

PIM—January 7, 1925, at Lonsdale, Blackrock, County Dublin, Frederic William Pim, in his 86th year. Funeral (private) at Temple Hill Cemetery to-morrow (Friday), 9th, 10 o'clock. No flowers.

PROUD—January 4, 1925, at his residence, Grangemore, Ballybrophy, Edward Proud, aged 84 years.

SEMPLE—January 7, 1925, at Glan Iveagh, Cong, Dr. Martin Semple. Remains will be removed to Cathedral, Galway, to-day (Thursday). Funeral to family vault, Furbill, after Requiem Mass, at 11 o'clock to-morrow (Friday) morning.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

Colonel Dunne, Dr. Dunne, and Miss Eleanor Dunne wish to return most sincere thanks to all who sympathised with them on the death of their sister. They hope this acknowledgment will be accepted, as it is impossible to reply to each kind friend.

Mrs. W. Stewart and Miss Sadlier return sincere thanks to all kind friends, and especially to staff and workers of the Richmond Institution, Sackville street, for their messages of sympathy in recent sad bereavement, and ask them to accept this grateful acknowledgment.

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GROZIER—In loving memory of Trixie, who passed away January 8th, 1923. "With Christ, which is far better."—Edith.

CUMMINGS—In loving memory of our dear mother, Elizabeth Cummings, who died at her residence, 3 Rosemount terrace, Dundrum, 8th January, 1924. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Inserted by her loving sons and daughters.

GILTRAP—In ever-loving memory of my darling husband, Robert, whom God called Home January 8th, 1922; also my dear son, Harry, November 15th, 1920.

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GILTRAP—In ever-loving memory of our darling father, Robert Gilltrap, who passed away at Tullaniaun, Hollywood, County Wicklow, on the 8th January, 1922.

"Brood not o'er home's sacred places,
Though still ever sacred they;
Think of Heaven's eternal mansions,
Where our loved ones dwell for aye."

Inserted by his loving children, Jack and Rosie.

GILTRAP—Third Anniversary.—In ever-loving memory of darling father, whom God called Home January 8th, 1922.

"Gone from our sight, still near to our love,
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Inserted by his loving daughter, Nina.

STEPHENSON—Second Anniversary.—In ever-loving memory of Peter Stephenson, Derrynamuc, Rosenallis, who died 8th January, 1923.

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Notice is hereby given that all persons claiming to be creditors of, or otherwise having any claim or demand against the estate of the above Deceased, who died (intestate) at New York City, U.S.A., on or about 28th September, 1924, are hereby required, on or before the 22nd January, 1925, to furnish particulars in writing of such claim or demand to the undersigned Solicitor for the Administratrix of the said Deceased, to whom Letters of Administration were granted forth of the Principal Registry of the High Court of Justice (Probate), Sacorsat Eireann, on the 30th December, 1924.
And Notice is hereby further given that after the said 22nd January, 1925, the said Administratrix will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Deceased, having regard only to the claims and demands of which particulars shall be furnished as above required.
JOSEPH GLEESON, Solicitor for the said Administratrix, 3 Palace street, Dublin.

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In the Goods of
DANIEL FRANCIS MACARTHY, late of 37 Anglesea road and 14 South William street, both in the City of Dublin, Representative of Messrs. Bradbury Greateaux, Ltd., Deceased.
Take Notice that all persons claiming to be Creditors of or above Deceased, who died on the 3rd January, 1925, at 14 Hanaville Park, Rathfarnham, are hereby required to furnish details particulars thereof in writing to the undersigned Solicitor for the above Executors.
Dated this 7th day of January, 1925.
Signed,
JAMES FAGAN, Solicitor, 58 Rutland quare, W., Dublin.

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ATLANTIC Cables, 35/47 Henry street, invite application for Important Notice.—P.M.G. Regulation implied 10 a.m., 14th inst. Offices for beginners from 10th inst. Prospectus on T

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WOMAN AND HER HOME.

PUSS IN LEGEND AND POETRY.

THE soft, wavering light from a blazing fire, dancing shadows on the walls, a soughing of the wind in old trees without doors, a cat purring softly on the hearthrug—form a picture of domestic comfort and repose familiar just now to many of us. Of this interesting picture the cat is, without doubt, the crowning feature; the living link between inanimate comforts and our reflecting selves.

All of us are conscious of this fact, and sensible of Pussy's beauty and slumberous grace.

The cat, above all other animals, has obtained a high place in the imaginative literature of the people. Very early we meet with her there. It is she who is the sole friend of the lonely apprentice-boy in his wretched garret; she lies at his feet as he sits by the wayside listening to the weird chimes; and, finally, she wins for him the wealth and state they prophesied—who has not heard of Dick Whittington and his Cat?—they have gone down to posterity together.

Pussy has her place, too, in the nursery rhymes known to us as "Gammer Gurton's"—those strange, fantastic jingles, full of wit run mad, which have come down through the lapse of nearly four centuries. In them she is a very distinguished and elegant personage. Her dress, her fashionable carelessness, her choice of society, are all flatteringly described. For example:

Pussy cat, mew! jumps over a coal;
She should not soil her delicate paws—a fact
as we all know, for cats are scrupulously clean;
And in her best petticoat burns a great hole—
She has her choice of garments—
Pussy cat, mew, shall have no more milk
Until her best petticoat's mended with silk.

Amongst fairy legends Pussy's poetical place is also distinguished. She is the confidant and friend of the miller's desolate son, in the French tale which so well matches with our Whittington legend; her inventive and rather swindling ingenuity transforms him at length into a veritable Marquis de Carrabas, and unites him in marriage with the daughter of the somewhat credulous and warlicious king.

There is another very amusing French fable—apropos of instinctive nature—in which a prince falls in love with his cat, and desires a benignant fairy to transform her into a woman. The request is granted; but the palace happening to swarm with mice, the prince's slumbers are disturbed by his bride springing out of bed to go a-mousing; which so disgusts him that he sees her, without regret, restored to her original shape. Very significant of a *mésalliance*.

But Pussy has her darker and more poetical side, as well as her pleasant and playful ones. In the literature of the Middle Ages she held an unenviable position as regarded the superstitious fears of the period. She is the attendant of the witch; the malicious familiar who is supposed to advise the mischiefs which those feared and detested unfortunates perpetrated. To be old, ugly and to have a black cat was a dangerous thing in those twilight days. The fiend, eschewing his former choice of a serpent, was supposed to inhabit the feline form, and the glittering eyes, so plainly to be seen in darkness, the electricity of the fur, the arched back and the spitting of Pussy when offended, all tend to confirm the superstitious awe attached to her. The dramatists of the day confirmed this cruel slander, and have immortalised the superstition.

Everybody knows the valour of the Kilkenny cats who fought in a shamrock-like duel of three, and were so well matched that they all conquered and ate up each other, leaving nothing to commemorate the deadly combat but three tails.

With one other trait of Pussy—historical and true—we shall close this sketch. When the Duke of Norfolk found himself imprisoned in the Tower of London for the sake of the unhappy Mary of Scotland, the faithful friend which sought and shared his captivity was his favourite cat. She made her way into his unknown and unseen prison-chamber by getting down the chimney.

G. G.

RECIPES FOR THE COOK.

APPLE AMBER PUDDING.

Ingredients:—*Quarter pound short pastry, one and half ounces butter, two eggs, one pound stewed apples, rind and juice of one lemon, two tablespoonfuls sugar.*

Method:—*Rub the apples through a sieve, melt the butter, add the yolks and lemon juice to the apple pulp, and mix well. Line a pie-dish with the pastry, and ornament the edges. Place in the mixture, brush pastry with egg, and bake in a moderate oven for half an hour. Make a meringue with the whites, and two tablespoonfuls sugar on top, and bake till set and a pale brown in a cool oven.*

CARAMEL CUSTARDS.

Ingredients:—*Half pint milk, three ounces sifted sugar, vanilla essence, two eggs and one yolk.*

Method:—*Make two ounces sugar and lemon juice into a caramel of a golden brown colour. Have some small tin dariole moulds warmed. Pour enough caramel into each to cover the bottom, and allow to harden. Then grease the tins with clarified butter. Bring the milk to boiling point with one ounce sugar, flavour with vanilla.*

Have the eggs slightly beaten, and pour the boiling milk over them. Strain the custard into the prepared moulds, cover with greased paper, and place in a pan of water just off boiling point, in which has been placed a fold of paper. Stand gently until just set. Allow to shrink before turning out. Serve hot or cold. Add one gill water to remaining caramel. Dissolve and strain round custard.

LEMON SAGO.

Ingredients:—*One and a half ounces sago, one and a half ounces sug

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50 South Mall, Cork,
22nd Dec., 1924.

To "The Kerryman," Ltd.,
Edward St., Tralee.

In accordance with your instructions, we have examined the Books of the Company from the 5th Jan. to the 20th December, 1924, and append the figures showing the net paid sales of your weekly paper, "The Kerryman," for the above period. We certify these figures to be correct.

A. J. MAGENNIS AND CO.,
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Date.	1924.	Copies.
Jan. 5th	"	3,933
12th	"	4,044
19th	"	4,306
26th	"	4,356
Feb. 2nd	"	4,446
9th	"	4,707
16th	"	5,016
23rd	"	5,121
Mar. 1st	"	4,998
8th	"	5,062
15th	"	5,262
22nd	"	5,334
29th	"	5,418
April 5th	"	5,467
12th	"	5,463
19th	"	5,478
26th	"	5,271
May 3rd	"	5,205
10th	"	5,161
17th	"	5,139
24th	"	5,121
31st	"	5,232
June 7th	"	5,163
14th	"	5,296
21st	"	5,277
28th	"	5,463
July 6th	"	5,391
12th	"	5,262
19th	"	5,288
26th	"	5,337
Aug. 2nd	"	5,239
9th	"	5,236
16th	"	5,634
23rd	"	5,941
30th	"	8,117
Sept. 6th	"	8,257
13th	"	8,474
20th	"	8,382
27th	"	8,501
Oct. 4th	"	8,518
11th	"	7,923
18th	"	7,230
25th	"	7,465
Nov. 1st	"	7,484
8th	"	7,851
15th	"	8,055
22nd	"	8,106
29th	"	8,160
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A FASCINATING STORY OF ADVENTURE

BY E. P. OPPENHEIM.

It is a passage which might well be haunted with memories of the famous courtesans, dignitaries, criminals, "de luxe" and aristocrats of the world—the long, straight stretch of passage leading from the Hotel de Paris to the International Sporting Club of Monte Carlo. Nevertheless, it seemed to Grant Slattery a strange place for this meeting which, during his last two years' wandering about Europe, he had dreaded more than anything on earth. Complete recognition came slowly. Each checked speed. When they came to a standstill there was a moment's silence.

"Gertrude!" he exclaimed.

"Grant!" she murmured.

This conventional exchange of greetings helped him at first through what must always have been a bitter moment. For though Grant Slattery had every quality which goes to the making of a man, he had also a woman's sensitiveness.

"It is a long time," she said softly.

"Time is relative," he remarked didactically.

It was an embarrassing situation for her and a painful one for him, this encounter with the girl who had jilted him publicly in the face of all Washington society and eloped with his rival. This meeting in the curved archway passage with a flunkey at either end, was the first since he had taken leave of her at her house one night three years ago, after a visit to the opera. Her lips had met his willingly that night, as he had often remembered since—with a touch of somewhat rare passion. And on the morrow she had become the Princess von Dias, and had sailed for Berlin.

"This was bound to happen some day," she said, regaining her self-possession. "I hope you are going to be nice."

"I was prepared even to be grateful," he answered. "I find it impossible."

"I don't think I have changed much, have I?"

"You're

Looking more beautiful

than ever."

"You're just the same—a little more dignified, perhaps. They tell me that you have left the diplomatic service. Is that so?"

"Yes."

"Why?"

"No work left," he replied. "We move on towards the millennium."

Their eyes met. There was a silent question in hers.

"Where were you going?" she inquired.

"I've been lunching at the club," he answered. "I was just going to stroll across to the tennis courts for an hour."

"You can come to the Rooms with me instead," she suggested. "We will find two chairs and talk for a little time. We can't part like this."

"Am I likely to meet your husband?"

"My husband is not in Monte Carlo at present. I hope you're not going to be horrid. You want to fight a duel or anything of that sort?"

"If I had felt that way about it," he answered, "it would have been at an earlier stage of the proceedings. A woman has a right to change her mind. I harbour no grievance against any one."

He turned with her, and they made their way to the Bar. It was barely four o'clock, and the Rooms were only just opened. They found two comfortable chairs. Each was taking stock of the other. He had spoken the truth when he had declared that she was more beautiful than ever. She was very fair, her complexion exquisitely creamy, with scarcely a tinge of colour. Her eyes were so deep a blue that they seemed at times almost to attain to that rare and wonderful shade, commonly termed violet. Her hair was yellow, the colour of the faint gold in the morning sky. Her lips were a little fuller than the delicious line of her complexion hinted, but beautifully shaped. Her figure, he thought, improved. She still possessed the grace of long limbs and a slender body, but she had gained from a threatened thinness to a gracious but still delicate shapeliness.

He looked admiringly

at her beautiful fingers as she withdrew her gloves.

"You always liked my hands," she murmured.

His eyes were fixed upon a ring she wore—a thin, platinum guard with a single beautifully-set pearl.

"Terribly wrong of me to keep it, I know. Do you want it back, Grant?"

"No," he answered, a little brusquely. "But I am not going to flirt with you."

"The same familiar Grant, honest to the point of pugnacity. Why, my dear man, how do you ever expect to shine as a diplomatist?"

"I have given up the idea," he reminded her.

"So you are not going to flirt with me?" He avoided the challenge of her eyes.

"Since I am here, we must order some thing," he insisted, summoning the waiter. "The fellow has been watching us reproach fully for the last five minutes."

"No, not early, but I'll have some tea," she acquiesced.

Grant gave the order and turned back to his companion.

"You find life amusing in Berlin?" he asked.

"Not at all. Berlin bores me. That is why I am here. And I can see you are going to bore me, too. I am disappointed in you."

"That," he complained, "is a little hard. Now that I am a free man, I am full of intelligent interest in Berlin. I hoped that you might gratify my curiosity."

"You were there yourself for two years," she reminded him. "We have a villa at Cannes, and quite a number of friends there. Let me know the worst, Grant. What about to-morrow?"

The Royalist movement

had only just then began to appear. Prince Frederick, for instance, was still at school—he had scarcely shown himself in public. Now he is a rallying popular idol."

"My husband belongs to a member of the Government," she said, "I never discuss politics.

I wonder if I shall find a place at one of the Baccarat tables. I have lost so much in my small way at roulette that I think I shall give it up for a time."

"I'll go and see if you like."

"Presently. Tell me about yourself. Why did you give up the Diplomatic Service?"

"Because there are no diplomatic activities left nowadays for the citizens of the United States," he replied. "The whole world has become a gigantic mart for trades-people to buy, sell and exchange wares. Consuls can do our business. . . . And then I came into the van Boorden money and turned lazy."

"I don't follow you at all. Even if commercial achievement has become the guiding lamp of the world, I don't in the least know what you mean by saying that there is no diplomacy left for the United States. Commerce is one of the chief reasons for diplomatic exchanges, isn't it? I know my adopted country-people think so."

"Very likely. Don't take me too seriously. I was only inventing a justification for my laziness."

"You are distressingly uncommunicative. I begin to suspect that we are both clever people. All the same, I don't see why we shouldn't exchange confidences."

"It wouldn't be a fair bargain. Your husband holds a high official position in Berlin. He must be brought into touch with people who are intimately acquainted with the trend of events. My weight in every country. I am nobody and I know nobody."

"You have developed a new and most becoming trait. You're

The first modest man

I've met for years. We don't raise them in Berlin."

"The conceit passed out of my system three years and two months ago," he answered bitterly.

Her voice was caressing.

"There is something I shall tell you about that, some day," she promised, "something which will help you to understand. Try and believe that I, too, have suffered. I was not so callous as I seemed."

He told himself that it was only his senses which were enchained now—the rest of him was free.

"I am glad to hear that," he told her.

The room was invaded by a crowd of young people, mostly in flannels, who had evidently come down from the tennis courts. The young woman who seemed to be the ringleader of their gaiety—a very attractive-looking young person indeed, in her white tennis clothes and smart hat—dashed a smile of welcome at Grant as she entered the room, and glanced a little curiously at his companion. When they had settled down for tea at an adjacent table, however, she looked over her shoulder.

"We are having a riotous party to-night," she announced. "dining first at the Ville, coming down here and going on to dance somewhere afterwards. Will you be my escort?"

"With the utmost pleasure," he assented. "But shan't I be getting into trouble? What about Bobby?"

She dropped her voice.

"Misbehaved," she confided. "Seen at Nice when he ought to have been playing tennis yesterday afternoon—terrible! Something Russian,

Covered with jewels!

We're sending him to Coventry for at least two days."

"Poor fellow!" Grant murmured.

"Don't be a hypocrite, you know you're glad. I don't think I shall ever look at him again. Not later than 8.30 dinner, please. Dad told me that he wanted to see you, but we're not going to leave you at home to study bridge problems."

"I shall be punctual," Grant assured her.

"Can't talk any more," she concluded, turning away. "These greedy people are eating up all the chocolate éclairs. You are a Pet Arthur to

"Who is she?" Gertrude inquired. "I dislike her, anyhow. I wanted you to dine with me."

Her name is Susan Yeovil. She's very charming, and popular."

"Is she the daughter of the British Prime Minister?" Gertrude asked eagerly.

Grant nodded.

"Lord Yeovil is down here for the International Congress," he replied. "They have a villa at Cap Martin."

"What does he want to see you for?"

"I thought that you might have learnt our secret from what Lady Susan said," he confided. "It solves the 'Field' bridge problems together."

"You're simply horrid."

It was the old pout, and a momentary tenderness for him. He crushed it back.

"What are you

In Monte Carlo

for alone, just now, Gertrude?"

She drew a newspaper cutting from a thin gold case and handed it to him. It contained a list of visitors at the various Riviera hotels, his own name amongst them underlined. He took the slip of paper from her and handed it back without remark.

"That is why I came. It is, perhaps, just as foolish as the impulse which swept me off my feet and made a horrible woman of me three years and two months ago. But I'm afraid I yielded. And now the first night that I am here you are asking out. You actually accept an invitation whilst you are sitting by my side."

He knew now why she had come, and the knowledge gave him an advantage.

"I told you that I had lost my conceit, and I am not going to take you literally. There is no hardship in exchanging Berlin for Monte Carlo in February."

"There are other places on the Riviera," she reminded him. "We have a villa at Cannes, and quite a number of friends there. Let me know the worst, Grant. What about to-morrow?"

"To-morrow I am entirely at your service, except for the matter of some tennis in the afternoon. We must lunch together."

"You ain't going to be absolutely horrid, then?"

"I couldn't be for long. I am afraid I'm running a terrible risk."

He felt a little stab at his heart. He was a man with faithful instincts.

"I may be running that risk myself," she whispered.

For continuation of this remarkable new serial, "The Wrath to Come," by E. Phillips Oppenheim, see the Weekly Irish Times to-day.

WIRELESS RECEIVING SETS.

PRINCIPLES AND CONSTRUCTION

"The Principles and Construction of Wireless Receiving Sets" was the subject of a lecture delivered by Mr. F. R. McCormack, A.R.C.Sc.I., in the Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, yesterday afternoon. The lecture was the fifth of a series arranged by the Royal Dublin Society for juveniles.

He explained how the operator could "tune" a receiving set so as to "pick up" any station that he wished. With a small transmitting set he demonstrated how spark signals create waves in the ether, and then showed how a vase that is tuned to a certain note will vibrate when that note is struck on the piano. The vase would answer to only one "frequency," and if they altered the note, they altered the "frequency."

By experiments with a spiral spring, he pointed out its natural period of vibration or frequency, and how vibrations can be built up, and, by another interesting experiment, demonstrated the effect of tuning two oscillating systems. In order that an electrical circuit shall be capable of oscillating, it must, he said, contain two properties, capacity and inductance, and, having referred to each, and constantion, he examined the manner in which these waves are detected, either by a crystal detector or by the thermonic valve. He showed on the screen how the electeone emission from the filiment under the valve took place, and the effect of placing a plate or grid into the valve, and how the sensitivity of the set is increased by using the valve as an amplifier.

Some home-constructed sets were exhibited before the audience.

THE LATE MR. P. GRIMSTON.

The funeral of the late Mr. Percy Harvey Grimston, of 19 Mayfield road, Terenure, took place last Tuesday at Mount Jerome Cemetery. There was a large attendance. Mr. Grimston had been a representative of Messrs. Spratts Patent, Ltd., of London, for the past twenty years in Ireland.

RAINFALL IN 1924.

AT HAROLD'S CROSS, DUBLIN.

Month.	Total Depth.	Greatest Fall in 24 Hours.	Days with .01 in. Inches.	Days with .04 or More.
January	3.20	.82	19	24
February	1.67	.48	12	14
March	.50	.16	4	9
April	1.61	.29	13 & 29	14
May	2.23	.41	9	21
June	2.40	.40	1	12
July	3.33	.70	13	24
August	2.89	.40	13	23
September	4.46	1.39	7	17
October	3.22	.57	27	29
November	2.93	.73	26	16
December	4.56	.69	29	21
Total....	28.82		216	

The maximum temperature was 72.9 degrees on July 13th, and the minimum 24.1 degrees on March 6th.

E. H. CANNON, 3 Pretoria terrace, Harold's Cross road.

AT BORTMORE, WATERFORD.

Month.	Total Depth. Inches.	Greatest Fall in 24 Hours. Date.	Number of .01 in. or More.
January	1.67	1.50 .. 3	24
February	1.50	1.32 .. 9	6
March	1.30	.93 .. 26	10
April	2.79	.51 .. 16	14
May	2.69	.53 .. 9	22
June	3.30	.79 .. 16	21
July	4.06	.72 .. 7	22
August	3.61	1.01 .. 13	23
September	2.70	1.31 .. 29	19
October	4.12	.94 .. 25	21
November	3.70	.91 .. 26	16
December	4.79	.79 .. 3	27
Total....	33.33		225

(Mrs.) N. H. WHITE.

RATHGAR RECORDS.

Mr. T. H. Mason states that the rainfall for 1924, as registered by his rain gauge in Rathgar, was 33.11 in., as compared with 28.06 for 1923, a difference of practically 5 in. The number of days in which rain fell in 1924 was 192, and the number of days in which rain fell in 1923 was 188. The heaviest fall in 1924 was 1.66 in. on March, in which .57 of rain fell, and the wettest day in December, in which 1.43 in. fell, which is more than three times the amount of rain that fell in December of 1923.

The Hon. Ernest Stowell Scott has been appointed British Minister Plenipotentiary to Uruguay.

BROADCASTING.

TO-DAY.

The letters "S.B." signify a simultaneous broadcast from the station mentioned.

LONDON (2LO)—365 Metres.

1.0-2.0—Time (Greenwich). The Week's Concert of New Gramophone Records. 4.0-4.5—Time (Greenwich). Orchestral Music relayed from the Trocadero Restaurant. "A Talk on Fashion," by Phillida. "Great Grandmother Gives a Little Dinner," by Kathie Herrick. 5.30-6.15—Children. Miss Beatrice Bellini, pianoforte solos. 6.40-6.55—Mr. E. M. Ellis, F.R.M.S., "Photomicrography." 7.0—Time. (Big Ben). Weather and News, S.B. to all stations. Talk by the Radio Society of Great Britain, S.B. to all stations. Mr. Allen S. Walker, "Architecture—St. Paul's Cathedral." 8.5—S.B. to all stations. Local News. 7.35—George Lumb (comedian), Amy Dennett (soubrette), Arthur Fleetman (light comedian), Rosie Pratt (soprano), Sydney Blocker (baritone), Lilian Flowers (pianist). 8.0—Alexander Watson, Barbara Kerb (soprano), Charles Woodhouse (violin), Ernest Young (viola), Charles A. Crabbe (violoncello), Richard H. Walthew. 9.25—"From Mr. Window," by Philemon. 9.30—Time (Greenwich). Weather and News, S.B. to all stations. Mr. A. J. Burrows, Director of Programmes B.B.C., on "Our Post Bag." S.B. to all stations. Local News. 10.0—The Savoy Orpheans and Savoy Havana Bands, S.B. to all stations. 11.0—Close.

CHELMSFORD (5XX)—1,600 Metres (High-Power Station).

7.0-10.30—Programme, S.B. from London. 7.57-7.30—Programme S.B. from London. "Marionettes" (Wallace), relayed from the "Old Vic" Theatre, London. 7.30—Acts I. and II. 8.25—Weather and News. 9.45—"Marionettes," Act III. 10.10—Close. Note: Times given of the Opera are only approximate.

BIRMINGHAM (5IT)—475 Metres.

2.30-4.30—Station Pianoforte Quintet. 5.0-5.30—Women. 5.30-5.45 — Children. 7.0-11.0—Programme S.B. from London.

BOURNEMOUTH (6BM)—385 Metres.

2.0-5.0—Winter Gardens Programme. Women. 5.0-5.30—Children. 5.30-5.45—Farmers. 6.0—Weather and News, S.B. from London. Mr. Allen S. Walker, S.B. from London. Local News. 7.35—Reginald S. Monat (solo violin). The Pirone Choral Society. The Wireless Orchestra, Sydney (Oldham tenor). 8.50—The Choral Society. The Orchestra. 9.30-11.0—Programme S.B. from London.

CARDIFF (5WA)—351 Metres.

2.0-4.30—Arthur Wilkes (tenor). The Station Orchestra. 4.45-5.15—"5WA," "Five O'Clocks." 5.15-6.0—Children. 7.0-11.0—Programme S.B. from London.

MANCHESTER (2ZY)—375 Metres.

11.30-12.30—Concert by the "2ZY" Quartet. 4.30-5.0—Women. 5.0-6.0—Children. 6.30-6.55—Boy Scouts' Local News Bulletin. 7.0—Weather and News. Radio Society Talk. S.B. from London. Mr. Allen S. Walker, S.B. from London. Local News. 7.35—Harry Hosnell (baritone). The "2ZY" Orchestra. 9.30-11.0—Programme S.B. from London.

NEWCASTLE (5NO)—400 Metres.

11.30-12.30—Sam Styles (solo bassoon), Gordon Benson (baritone), Orchestra. 3.45-5.15—John Pickersgill (solo euphonium), Walter Lister (Elocutionist), Phyllis Hatton, "Impressions of Venice." Evelyn Longstaffe (cinterella). 5.15-6.30—Children. 6.40-6.55—Mr. J. L. Gibson: French Talk. 7.0-11.0—Programme S.B. from London.

GLASGOW (5SC)—420 Metres.

2.30-4.30—The Wireless Quartet, Walter C. Campbell (baritone). 5.15-6.0—Children. 6.0—Weather for Farmers. 6.5-6.30—Boy Scouts', Girl Guides' and Girls' Guildry Bulletins. 7.0—Weather and News. Radio Talk Society. S.B. from London. Mr. Allen S. Walker, S.B. from London. Local News. 7.35—Ethel Walker (pianoforte recital). The Station Orchestra. 8.50—Florence M. Davies (elocutionist). 9.30-11.0—Programme S.B. from London.

BELFAST (2BE)—435 Metres.

4.0-5.30—The Station Orchestra. T. O. Corrin (solo pianoforte), James Logan (Travel Talk). 5.30-6.15—Children. 7.0-11.0—Programme S.B. from London.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE TRANSIT OF CATTLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In reply to Mr. John Cassidy's letter under the above heading, in your issue of the 5th instant, I desire to say that the Government Committee's recommendations referred to, which relate to the shipping companies, are, and have been, in effective operation for a long time.—Yours, etc.,

DAVID BARRY.

25-27 Sir John Rogerson's quay, Dublin, January 7th, 1925.

RAILWAY AMENITIES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Feeling sure that it is the desire of the company to study the comfort of its passengers, may I, through your courtesy, make the following suggestions to those responsible for the working of the late Dublin and South-Eastern Railway?—

(1) Could not the ticket windows of booking offices be opened ten minutes in advance of the time of departure of trains? Many do not get there are usually not open till four or five minutes beforehand. I refer especially to such terminal stations as Bray and Harcourt street. During the busy hours of the day I have seen so many people waiting to obtain tickets that, even with the rush and scurry that took place when the windows were opened, the train has been held back a minute or two, and most of the passengers have suffered in consequence.

(2) Could not the second main gateway to the platform at Harcourt street be brought into use during the hours of crowded trains, so that access to, and egress from, the station platform can take place by separate ways? At present the chaos and discomfort caused by a crowd of passengers fighting their way up the steps in the face of another crowd attempting to descend is hardly worthy of what is a comparatively important terminus.

(3) If some director would on occasion travel by the 5.25 train from Harcourt street, one feels sure that the need for another first-class carriage on that train would present itself to his mind.—Yours, etc.,

"OBSERVER."

Co. Dublin, January 7th, 1925.

LORRIES AND ROADS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—Mr. Moore has a weak case, and his attempt in your issue of the 6th instant to justify the present system of lorry traffic on our roads is feeble and unconvincing. He omitted to deal with the most important feature of my letter—the weight of lorries, the excessive speed at which they travel and the inadequate tax paid for the destruction which they cause.

The present system of motor taxation is most unjust. I, a private individual, who may use my car only on one day in the week and in winter months not at all, must pay £5 *per annum* more for my licence than the man who uses the same horse-power car for hire and uses it every day in the year. The just method of taxation would be to assess tax according to weight. Light cars do very little injury to roads, but had roads do great damage to light cars. Mr. Moore must be aware that the future prosperity of the Free State is closely linked up with the condition of the roads. I am sure that he will admit that, with the present condition of our roads, no one will come to this country to tour who can go elsewhere. I motored a good deal in England during last year and did not meet any really bad roads. I never met lorries driven at the fast rate at which they are driven here, and I inv

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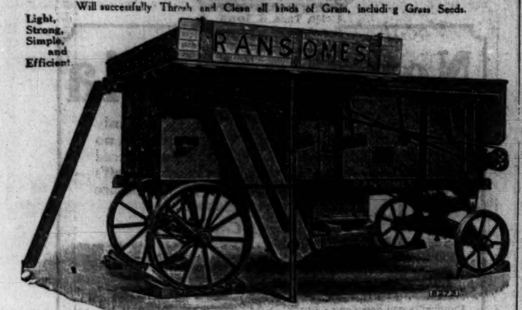

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When purchasing steamed bone flour for feeding purposes farmers should obtain a guarantee of the following nature :—

(1) That the material has not been made from imported bones. This is essential in order to overcome any risk of introducing disease.
(2) That the material contains at least 60 *per cent.* of phosphate of lime.

Ground Mineral Phosphates are sometimes recommended as a source of phosphate of lime for feeding purposes. As far as is at present known, there is no objection to their use for this purpose. Experiments are in progress to compare the value of these phosphates with steamed bone flour for feeding purposes. Ground mineral phosphates should be ground at least to the fineness of basic slag.

AGRICULTURAL ANNUALS.

Purdon's Almanac, 1925, is the 84th number of "The Farmers' Gazette Year Book." It embodies all the features which have made it so popular in the past, including complete lists of Irish fairs, arranged alphabetically and daily. It also contains a stock-breeders', land stewards', gardeners' and stock salesmen's directory. Mr. J. Hanly, F.R.C.Sc.I., has a useful article on "The Valuation of Land for Agricultural Purposes," while cultural hints, tables of reference, and other facts go to make up a valuable work of reference. The price over the counter is 2s.

Farmer and Stockbreeder Year Book, 1925. There is a fund of practical information in the volume of 370 pages. It contains over 130 illustrations, including 30 full-page pictures, and 32 special articles dealing with topical matters of interest to farmers. Amongst the articles, special mention may be made of those dealing with the National Institute for Research in Dairying, "The Economic Advantages of Good Seeds," "Establishing an Orchard," "The Lambing Flock," "Feeding the Laying Hen," "Bankers and Their Customers." Two pages are devoted to the composition of feeding stuffs, while a mass of statistical matter completes the editorial contents of an interesting volume. The Year Book is published at 2s. 6d., or 3s. by post.

AGRICULTURAL REFORM.

WHAT IS BEING DONE.

It was fitting that the Minister for Agriculture should have chosen the close of one year and the approach of another as the time for outlining the policy upon which he has worked so assiduously in the interest of Irish farmers, and for measuring not only the progress so far made, which has merely been the formal adoption of certain lines of agricultural reform, but the potential advance in the country's wealth production, which may reasonably be expected to follow when, and if, the measures now adopted are heartily and consistently followed up, not only by those entrusted with the administration of them, but by the farmers of the Free State as a whole. Mr. Hogan may be somewhat over-sanguine in predicting an increase of five millions to eight millions sterling in butter alone within three years by the increased milk yields possible through improved breeding, but should that prove to be the fact, the fault will lie not in his policy, but in the failure of the agricultural community adequately to carry it out. The estimate itself is cautious enough—assuming, of course, that no unexpected cataclysm interferes with the normal developments of marketing or radically alters price adjustments. His exposition of the Dairy Produce Act is equally sound. It and the Agricultural Produce (Eggs) Act and the Live Stock Breeding Bill (when it emerges as an Act) should together constitute a triad of constructive legislation on which any Irish Minister might reasonably congratulate himself. It is but fair to add that the present Minister for Agriculture is not given to self-laudation.

Present State of Agriculture.

There is, however, and Mr. Hogan must be well aware of this, little in the present state of the Irish agricultural industry on which the nation can well congratulate itself. The best that can be said for it is that it still provides maintenance for a very large body of very hard-worked people who, if poor by all reasonable standards, have a steady, if not exactly an assured, livelihood, and that, by their industry and thrift, the farmers of this country find from two-thirds to three-fourths of its wealth under conditions which, if not exactly unforbidding, are usually unattractive! Herein, and in the farmers' isolation from each other and from many of the amenities which even a poorer class living in the cities regard as necessities (modern lighting, heating and sanitation, for instance), lies a danger which is the more serious because it does not come directly into line with such questions of process and method in regard to the business of farming as is the province of a Government working on modern lines to study and, where practicable to cope with, through administrative bodies such as our own Department of Agriculture. No doubt, some of these matters will adjust themselves. Indeed, so far as lighting and heating are concerned, though we have placed these as being outside the scope of a Minister for Agriculture, they may be satisfactorily adjusted in time by the adoption of a suitable power scheme for the national intervention or private enterprise. Moreover, it is not too much to hope that some of the acuter results of isolation may be overcome by a judicious use of broadcasting so soon as we have an Irish broadcasting station. Even in advance of this, indeed, we know of farmers in remote districts who link themselves up with the outer world's sayings and singings by wireless. These developments will, of course, take a little time, but when they come farming will not remain the unattractive calling which many of the younger and more enterprising elements in our population find it to-day.

What Organised Farmers Can Do.

There is, however, one unsatisfactory element in the life of the farming community which cannot be effectively adjusted from without. Neither those gradual administrative acts of the State, aiming, as many of these do, at an increased efficiency in business technique, nor the automatic advance made by the discoveries of science in bringing country people into closer contact with the world without and with each other, can ever be expected to make up for the lack of organisation, and in particular the lack of organised and definitely expressed public opinion working towards the advancement of the farming industry as a whole. If we rightly interpret Mr. Hogan's speech, he recognises this lack, and would gladly see it made good. He has emphasised the obvious fact that if his policy is to succeed it must have the backing of organised farmers and, indeed, in the Act to which he was then referring, as well as in the Dairy Produce Act, provision for giving a voice to such a body is implicitly—almost, indeed, explicitly—made. The policy of nominating consultative councils is one which naturally appeals to us, being, as we think, the first publicists to suggest the advisability of closer co-ordination between the Ministry, the farmers, and those representative bodies through whom, in their different spheres, the educational agencies, economic and political, of organised agriculture is trying to function. We are gratified, too, of course, to find that the general lines of policy followed both in the Dairy Produce Act and in the Agricultural Produce (Eggs) Act agree with views first set forth in the "Agricultural Review" in this paper. We feel, however, that this policy, as yet in its preliminary stages, will require to be carried further before it will so command not merely the assent, but the active concurrence of the farmers of Ireland.

Proposed Consulting Councils.

Such councils must adequately represent not only the branches of farming to which they relate—in the subjects covered by the legislation in question, butter-making and egg-production—but must be able to speak authoritatively for farming as a whole. Otherwise it removes the possibility of their functioning to too remote a date, they must, at least, speak for the organised farmers through their organisations. Somewhere else, indeed, can formulate such clear, coherent and closely-knit policies as will convince the Ministry, the Government of which it is a part, and the Oireachtas, through whom their policies must pass into legislation, that they both know their own minds and will their own desires? This power to work out practical policies born of knowledge, with the determination that their policies shall prevail, will not come at all, nor, we think, achieve itself immediately. It is well, therefore, that its beginnings should be in a definite and practical sphere.

COMING EVENTS.

Feb 3-4—Perth Aberdeen Angus Show and Sale.
Feb. 4—Royal Ulster Stallion Show, Belfast.
Feb. 24-26—Royal Ulster Cattle Show and Sale.
Feb. 26—Munster Bull Show and Sale, Cork.
March 3-4—Dublin Bull Show and Sale.
March 4-5—Hunter Show, Islington.
March 10-11—Londonderry Bull Show and Sale.
March 17-18—Hereford Cattle Show and Sale.
April 8—Waterford Bull Show and Sale.
May 13-16—Royal Dublin Agricultural Show.
May 29-29—Royal Ulster Agricultural Show, Belfast.
June 24-25—Londonderry Show.
July 7-8—Cork Summer Show.
July 23—Dungarvan Show.
July 24—County Meath Show, Navan.
August 6-7—Suffolk Sheep Society's Show and Sale, Ipswich.
Sept. 2—Royal Ulster Shorthorn Sale.

The annual show of the Royal Agricultural Society of England resulted in a loss of £5,976. Judges have already been appointed for the Royal Show at Chester.

FEEDING OF DAIRY COWS.

SOME PRACTICAL HINTS.

When considering the question of feeding, said Mr. T. B. Ponsonby, Thurles, at the recent Cow-Testing Congress, at Mallow, we want to know whether our cows are fed sufficiently and economically. Also, which of a variety of foods stands at the cheaper price, and whether we can, by the addition of a purchased food, make our home-grown rations more efficient.

These three questions necessitate knowledge on two points, namely—(1) What are the requirements of the cow? (2) What are the relative values of different foods?

Fjord, in Denmark, tackled the subject in a very direct manner. He fed a large number of cows on a sound, practical ration, such as good farmers' produce and use. Then by most carefully controlled methods he kept substituting other feeding stuffs for portions of the original rations, until at last he got both the effect of the different rations on the cows and the relative values of the different portions of those rations.

Requirements of Cows.

The basis of this system is the establishment of a food unit, which Fjord took as the value of 1lb. of barley. He found that when they formed part of a judicious ration, 1lb. of barley had the same feeding value as 2½lbs. of hay or 10lbs. of mangels. Each of these amounts constituted one food unit, and were, therefore, equal to each other in feeding value. In a similar manner the food unit value of a vast number of other foods was established and recorded. Besides this, he determined the number of food units required by cows of various sizes and degrees of productivity. It was found, for instance, that the minimum number of food units required to keep a dry barren cow at constant weight, neither increasing nor diminishing, and not taking any unnecessary exercise, was, in the case of a 9 cwt. cow, 7 units, and that a larger or smaller cow would take more or less, roughly, in proportion to her weight.

This amount is known as the maintenance ration. In practice on the farm, stock are never on a bare maintenance ration, for they are always expected to be doing something, and it is probable that no stock should ever get less than the ration necessary for the production of 1 gallon of milk, or 1lb. of increase per day in the growing animal. In the case of a 9 cwt. cow both a ration would amount to 11 food units, and would be well supplied by 1 stone of hay and 4 stone of roots.

Values of Foods.

If the cow is giving two or more gallons of milk an extra 3 1-3 units would be required for each gallon yielded. This could be supplied by more roots and hay until the point was reached, at which the ration became too bulky. The rest then must be supplied by concentrated foods.

In referring to Fjords' system, I qualified my remark as to the equivalence of certain quantities of different foods by saying that they were equivalent so long as they formed part of a judicious ration. Let us here consider some of the conditions that such a ration must conform to.

(1) The ration must be palatable, otherwise the cow will not consume as much as she can make use of. (2) It must be of sufficient bulk, because appetite is satisfied by bulk rather than by nourishment. (3) The bulk must not exceed, roughly, 2½lbs. of dry matter per 1,000lbs. live weight of the animal, otherwise the digestive effort becomes too great. (4) The food must be neither too laxative nor too constipating, otherwise waste occurs either in the escape of undigested morsels or in extra effort and other complications set up by constipation. (5) The ration must contain variety, as this aids digestion. (6) the protein content must be sufficient. The necessary nutrients in a food stuff are generally classified as carbohydrates, fats, and proteins, or albuminoids. The proteins are necessary for the repair of tissues, the making of lean meat, and certain necessary vital processes.

If it is possible to say that one essential can be more important than other essentials, we can say it of the proteins for two reasons. Firstly, whereas protein can to a certain extent perform the functions of the other two essentials should the latter be slightly deficient, yet neither of these can in any way replace the protein; secondly, the crops grown in our climate are rather deficient in protein for a highly-developed dairy industry. We have generally to buy our protein from southern countries where it is grown more cheaply. The amount of protein required has been carefully investigated, and we may say that the minimum requirements per 1,000 pounds live weight are—for maintenance only, 1lb. of protein, and for production a trifle over ½lb. per gallon of milk produced.

Ration of a Dairy Cow.

We have now got some data to go on as to the quantity and quality of the ration required by the dairy cow—namely, per 100 lbs. live weight. For maintenance, 7 units, containing 2lb. protein; for production, 3.3 units, containing 6lb. protein per gallon of milk produced. We can reduce this to a very simple and practical formula, as follows :—

For maintenance, give the equivalent of 2lbs. of hay per 100 lbs. live weight of the cow; for production, make a mixture of three or more concentrated foods, having a protein content of 17 to 20 per cent., and of this mixture, or its equivalent, give 3 to 3·1-3 lbs. per gallon of milk produced.

To give an example of such a ration let us take the case of a 9cwt. cow—that is, a cow weighing 1,000lbs. For maintenance she would get the equivalent of 20lbs. hay; but in order that our ration should conform to our rules for a judicious ration, it must not be composed of one food-stuff only. We, therefore, will make it of half roots and half hay. The 20lbs. of hay contain eight food units. Four of these units will be fed as hay and four as roots. Four units of hay at 2½lbs. per unit equal 10lbs. hay. Four units of roots at 10lbs. equal 40lbs. roots, giving eight food units and 2lb. of protein.

When near calving or giving one gallon of milk she would receive one stone of hay, four stone of roots, giving 11 units and a little over 1lb. of protein.

For every additional gallon of milk she would receive three lbs. of a mixture of, say, 1lb. each of oats, barley, maize, and dried yeast, giving 3.1 food units and a little over 4lb. of protein. Such a ration would meet the requirements laid down by all the recognised feeding standards, and would at the same time be a judicious ration.

The food unit values of our home grown rations, as well as of imported foodstuffs, have been worked out by Professor Wilson, and published in this country, and should be in the hands of every farmer. The system affords a simple and easy means of solving the three problems which it was suggested required solution. For by counting the food units in the ration we can determine if they are sufficient. By counting the food units per ton in a variety of foods, and by dividing each into the net price per ton, we can decide which stands at the cheapest price, and by calculating the protein content of the home grown food we can see whether a deficiency of this exists. If it does we know that the whole ration is inefficient, and that the purchase of some foodstuff, rich in protein, is advisable.

Residents of Kells, County Meath, are asking for the establishment of a local creamery or pork factory.

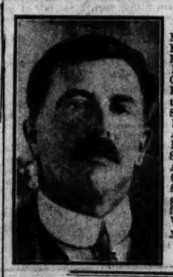
PLOUGHING TEAMS AT WORK.

PLOUGHS AND PLOUGHING.

On some farms in dry situations ploughing operations have already commenced. Where early ploughing is carried out the soil has a chance of being reduced to a proper degree of fineness for the seed bed. Other things being equal, this gives the seed a favourable start, and a satisfactory crop may be looked forward to. In dealing with this matter a question that often crops up is : What is the best type of plough? In reply, it may be said that no universal plough has yet been found which will suit the varying conditions of soil and climate. Three forms of furrows are most commonly employed, viz.—the rectangular furrow, obtained by a flat cutting share and an upright coulter, so that the sole of the furrow is flat; the crested or high-cut furrow, obtained by using a share which is raised on the wing side, and an undercut coulter, thus exposing to the elements a larger surface than in the first case; and, lastly, the wide, broken furrow, which is the work of the digging breast plough, and is specially suitable for producing tilths.

As is well known, land turned up with the digging plough is reduced to a condition which makes it almost ready for seeding. If long exposed to heavy rain, however, the use of a cultivator may be necessary in order to open it up. Where ploughed land has to lie for a time angular furrows are preferable, as they withstand the beating down effects of heavy rain.

In good ploughing the furrows must be absolutely straight, the ridges must be well set, the lands should be of equal size and the number of furrows should be the same; the furrows should be neatly packed, and all surface rubbish covered; and, finally, the work must be well finished. To ensure these results demands the employment of skilled and experienced men. Many of these have come to the fore as a result of ploughing competitions, and their ability has been availed of to demonstrate the advantages of two or three furrow ploughs worked by tractors. It is an ideal way of showing what good ploughing should be, and also of demonstrating the value of modern agricultural implements.



Mr. Nicholas Fitzgerald, Ballinaisla, Bonmahon, Co. Waterford, President of the Irish Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Association. He won the Sulphate of Ammonia Cup for the best field of mangels in Wexford and Waterford last year.

THINGS THAT MATTER.

The directors of the Irish Co-operative Meat Co., Ltd., Waterford, are arranging for an educational campaign amongst farmers for the purpose of securing the right type of cattle, pigs and sheep for the new industry.

Waterford County Committee of Agriculture have made the following allocations for their schemes for the year ending 31st March, 1926 :—Poultry, £625; cottages, £220; cattle, horses and swine, £1,681; agricultural shows, £380; a total of £2,917. These have been approved by the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. J. J. Grant, Secretary, County Kildare Farmers' Union, states that if 75 per cent. of the farmers went to the polls they would be able to return large majorities to the County Councils.

Kilkenny Branch of the Dairy Shorthorn Breeders' Association are asking for an additional grant towards the purchase of dairy bulls. They have at present twenty-eight premium bulls in the County Kilkenny, and only five of these are dairy bulls. There are 49,000 cows in the county and five dairy bulls are of little use to them.

The formation of small drainage boards is being urged in view of coming drainage legislation in the Irish Free State.

Fines of £1 each and £1 costs were imposed on two Armagh farmers for being in possession of sheep affected with scab.

A Good Market

One of the regular departments of Prepaid Advertisements in the "Irish Times" appears under the heading "Garden, Farm, Beer, etc." It is a really "good market" for the sale and purchase of everything covered by the heading.

A CHAMPION DAIRY COW.

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THE FARMERS' NEED.

The farmers' most crying need is seasonal loans on favourable terms. A tillage farmer, writes Mr. J. J. Bergin, Athy, ought to be able to borrow in the spring months sufficient money to buy for cash his seed grain, seed potatoes, and artificial manures, the loan to be repaid in the autumn, on the cashing of the crop. The grasier, in April, instead of selling his land on the eleven months system, should be able to borrow sufficient to stock his land and sell off his grass beef in the early autumn. If the winter stall feeder could borrow the price of his stores in October and November he would be in a position to hold his corn until March or April, instead of glutting the market in the winter months.

How to Get Them.

The Government has arranged a system of trade loans, by which any person or firm can borrow money for additional machinery or extensions of factory premises; the loan to be repaid over a number of years, and the State, through the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, to guarantee repayment. By this system the banks run no risk, and so can lend money at lower rates of interest. A similar system should be evolved for farmers, the conditions and terms to be similar in practically every way, except that in the case of the farmer no loan should be for a longer period than nine months, and during the existence of a loan the State to have first charge on all moveable goods, live and dead stock, etc.

Under this system not only banks, but societies, institutions, etc., and private individuals could lend money direct to farmers without risk, the State being security. Farming without capital is a losing industry, and if the truth of this statement be admitted then it naturally follows that the remedy for the country's insolvency lies in providing such facilities as will enable the farmer to buy in the cheapest market and sell in the dearest.

Grading of eggs and branding of butter, licensing of bulls, boars and stallions are all admirable schemes for a country that had got "round the corner," but none of these, nor yet the Shannon nor Liffey electric schemes, would likely do much good for the nation as could be done by making agriculture a profitable occupation. These schemes may do good, but their operation will be too slow, and years must elapse before any results worth while will be seen. The effect of a system of short term loans would be immediate. The farmer would become a cash buyer; there would be an immediate increase in the amount of money in circulation, and the general effect on all dependent industries would be very gratifying.

Farms Short of Capital.

Fully three-fourths of the poverty on the average farm to-day would not exist if its owner had sufficient capital at command. Shortage of working capital on a farm means buying everything in the dearest market and selling in the cheapest. A living could be made out of farming with careful and experienced management, provided the owner could buy for cash, while the same farm worked by the same farmer without liquid capital would be a losing game.

In pre-war days one-half of the capital required to-day would be sufficient. Labour cost is an example—one man now drawn on a Saturday night from the farmer the same sum as three men drew in pre-war days. Labour is the big end of production costs in the land. Rent is the only item which has remained stationary. Rates have doubled, machinery, manures, etc., all have about doubled, hence the farmer who could work 100 acres in 1914 can only work 50 acres to-day, and, of course, that is on the assumption that he has been able to "hold his own." With the depreciation of stock on one side, and the increase in all production costs on the other, few farmers have been able to "hold their own" since 1921. They have less money. There were about 1,500 miles of roads in the Free State, and, if constructed by modern methods, farmers would have no cause to complain as regards heavy motor vehicles.

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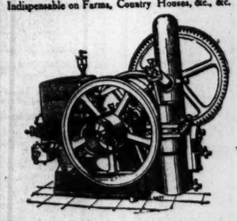

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CRUELTY TO A HOR

(Before Mr. E. A. Cullen.)

"It is shocking the way horses are in Dublin. There is no place in t where they are treated worse—except, in Italy," said the District Justice y imposing a fine of £3 on Patrick Corporation Buildings, who was summ ill-treating a horse which he was d Grafton street on the afternoon of 9th ber last.

Evidence was given by Sergeant (16 A) and another witness that the struck the horse on the head with th end" of a whip and that the an quivering.

Defendant denied that he struck t and said that it slipped on the road.

Three weeks were given in which t

WASTING WATER.

Mr. M. F. Judd, owner of Bushfield Donnybrook, was prosecuted at the Pembroke Urban Council for wasting that address.

Inspector McGrath, in evidence, water was wasted at the rate of 1,00 a day since 1st December last at a c per 1,000 gallons. The loss was 52s.

A fine of £5 5s. was imposed.

Mr. E. H. Burne appeared for Council

CORK CONTRACTOR'S DE

Mr. Stephen Scully, a well-kn building contractor, collapsed in street yesterday evening, and died ably.

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SEQUEL TO DUBL AFFRAY.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT T RESCUE PRISONER.

TWO MEN CHARGE

There was a sequel to the Drumc shooting affair, when two young Noel Moore, Marlborough street, Michael Kavanagh, Georgina Co Ballybough road—were charged i Dublin District Court yesterday being in unlawful possession of arm ammunition, and with conspiring to the rescue of a convict from Mo Prison.

Mr. T. Clarke, State Solicitor's Depa appeared for the prosecution.

Detective Officer Jordan gave eviden on the morning of the 6th inst., in co with Detective Officers Conroy, Dora Benilly, he went to Leech's public Drumcondra, where he found th prisoners. Having reason to believe th were in possession of arms, he called o to put their hands up. Moore made movement as if to draw a revolver. W assistance of the other officers he disarm prisoners, taking from Moore a .45 revolver containing six rounds of ammu and from Kavanagh a .45 Colt revolv taining six rounds. He placed the t under arrest, and cautioned them. M the presence of his fellow-prisoner, "I may as well tell the truth: we a arranging to effect the rescue of a p named Michael MacNamara from M Prison."

Kavanagh said that on the previou a mobilisation order was left at his signed by "O.C. 4th Battalion," inst him to be at Leech's public-house, condra, at 10 o'clock the following (T morning, and that he was to bring a r

Witness searched the public-hous under a seat where the prisoners were ing found a carpet bag containing a rope, about 30 feet long, and an o tweed cap. The two men were bro Fitzgibbon street Police Station and searched five further rounds of ammu were found in Kavanagh's pocket. charged and cautioned, Moore stated nothing to say, but would reserve his until his trial. Kavanagh stated nothing to say "for the present."

Detective Officer Scully gave evid helping to disarm and arrest accused. wards he visited Kavanagh's residen searching there found a small notebook the name "Michael Kavanagh" on th containing what purported to be a Mountjoy Prison.

Kavanagh—Are you positive that sketch was in the notebook? I found

Kavanagh—Well, I never remember it.

This completed the evidence, and Mr. applied for a week's remand, whic granted.

MOTOR UNION A ROADS.

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SEQUEL TO DUBLIN AFFRAY.

ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO RESCUE PRISONER.

TWO MEN CHARGED.

There was a sequel to the Drumcondra shooting affair, when two young men—Noel Moore, Marlborough street, and Michael Kavanagh, Georgina Cottages, Ballybough road—were charged in the Dublin District Court yesterday with being in unlawful possession of arms and ammunition, and with conspiring to effect the rescue of a convict from Mountjoy Prison.

Mr. T. Clarke, State Solicitor's Department, appeared for the prosecution.

Detective Officer Jordan gave evidence that on the morning of the 6th inst., in company with Detective Officers Conroy, Doran, and Scully, he went to Leech's public-house, Drumcondra, where he found the two prisoners. Having reason to believe that they were in possession of arms, he called on them to put their hands up. Moore made a movement as if to draw a revolver. With the assistance of the other officers he disarmed the prisoners, taking from Moore a .45 Webley revolver containing six rounds of ammunition, and from Kavanagh a .45 Colt revolver containing six rounds. He placed the two men under arrest, and cautioned them. Moore, in the presence of his fellow-prisoner, said:—"I may as well tell the truth: we are here arranging to effect the rescue of a prisoner named Michael MacNamara from Mountjoy Prison."

Kavanagh said that on the previous night a mobilisation order was left at his house, signed by "O/C, 4th Battalion," instructing him to be at Leech's public-house, Drumcondra, at 10 o'clock the following (Tuesday) morning, and that he was to bring a revolver.

Witness searched the public-house, and under a seat where the prisoners were standing found a carpet bag containing a strong rope, about 30 feet long, and an old grey tweed cap. The two men were brought to Fitzgibbon street Police Station, and when searched five further rounds of ammunition were found in Kavanagh's pocket. When charged and cautioned, Moore stated he had nothing to say, but would reserve his defence until his trial. Kavanagh stated he had nothing to say "for the present."

Detective Officer Scully gave evidence of helping to disarm and arrest accused. Afterwards he visited Kavanagh's residence, and searching there found a small notebook with the name "Michael Kavanagh" on the back containing what purported to be a plan of Mountjoy Prison.

Kavanagh—Are you positive that alleged sketch was in the notebook? I found it in it.

Kavanagh—Well, I never remember seeing it.

This completed the evidence, and Mr. Clarke applied for a week's remand, which was granted.

MOTOR UNION AND ROADS.

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LEINSTER HOUSE.

PROSPECT OF RE-OPENING MUSEUM.

No substantial changes are yet evident at Leinster House, where accommodation is being prepared for the Senate and its offices. The general plan is fixed, but some details remain open for decision. The details happen to be those which involve structural adaptation, so that the structural changes, which are not likely to be extensive, have not yet been commenced.

The two large rooms on the north side of the building have been cleared, and stand empty, awaiting the new fittings. The ground floor room will be arranged as a reading and writing room for members of both Houses. The fine room on the upper floor will be the new Senate Chamber. It is a lofty apartment, with an ornamented ceiling which will not be injured in any way. The Chairman's dais will be placed in the large bow window, which is on this side next the passage past the Metropolitan School of Art to Leinster Lawn; and the seats for senators will be ranged in semi-circular rows centred on the Chair.

It is proposed to accommodate the Press and visitors at the ends of the room; and the chief detail to be settled is the means of access to those parts of the room. The alternatives are a continuation of the small stairway already in existence at the left of the doorway facing Kildare street, and a new approach, which would be made by building a new section at the corner nearest the Metropolitan School of Art. This new section could be built so as to balance that modern part opposite the present Private Bill Office.

The date at which the new accommodation can be ready will depend largely on the decision on that matter, but the Senate is not expected to move before Easter. In a few months' time, however, the Senate will be out of the Museum, and it will be possible to reopen the collections to public inspection. It is probable that a railing similar to that erected by the National Library will separate the Museum entrance from the grounds in front of Leinster House.

Concentration in Leinster House involves some difficulty, as the space freed by the removal of the Royal Dublin Society from its last occupied rooms is hardly equal to that at present devoted to Oireachtas requirements in the Museum. There the galleries now occupied are those used as Senate Chamber, clerk's offices, members' rooms and Committee rooms, as well as the Private Bill Office.

In connection with the prospect of a full re-opening of the National Museum, it may be noted that the post of Director, and also the principal posts in connection with various divisions of the Museum, have been vacant, in some instances, for a number of years. Count Plunkett was the last Director. Some sections of the Guide to the Museum have been out of print for a long time. The provision in the next Budget of a sum sufficient to enable the Museum to resume former activities in full would be hailed with pleasure by a large section of the public.

CAVAN BY-ELECTION.

REPUBLICAN MEETING IN KINGSCOURT.

The Republican campaign in Kingscourt, County Cavan, was opened there on Tuesday evening. It was fair day in the town and a good many people from the country were present. There were some interruptions during the course of the meeting.

Mr. P. Smith, T.D., said that two years ago an eminent clergyman advised the people to accept the Treaty, and now after two years the same man wrote to the Cumann na nGaedheal Convention in Cavan to wait till they saw what freedom the Treaty had brought—immigration and unemployment and the worst economic conditions that could be imagined.

A Voice—What are you going to get?

Mr. Smith said that the people should stand up and say. We will not live under a Constitution that is dictated by any but the people of Ireland.

Mr. Matthew Smith, organiser, Cavan, said that they would not allow the nation to be sold as part of the Empire. They denied that it was the Republican Army that started the civil war. The Republican Army was attacked in the Four Courts.

A Voice—Is the Army to rule the nation?

Another Voice—What about the old arrears?

Mr. Smith replied that the Land Bill of 1923 was a landlords' bill. The Farmers' Union was a term without meaning; it was a landlords' union.

There were cries of angry dissent and shouts of: "Up, O'Hanlon," "Up, the Farmers' Union."

Mr. Smith—I repeat my emphasis that it is an Irish landlords' union.

Cries of: "Up, O'Hanlon" and "Come down out of that."

Mr. Smith said that if they supported the Treaty they would have to pay their share of £400,000,000 Imperial liability.

There were further interruptions, and Mr. Smith concluded by saying that Cavan never stood for England in this country, and would not stand for England on that occasion. He asked them to support Mr. Philip Baxter, who was a progressive farmer, and knew their needs.

Miss O'Daly, who next spoke, was not interrupted.

ANTRIM MURDER CHARGE.

MOTOR DRIVER IN CUSTODY.

Surprise was caused along the Antrim coast yesterday morning when it became known that Neil Murray, jun., a motor driver, of High street, Carnlough, had been arrested, charged with the murder on 26th December of Joseph M'Kinty, a farm worker, of Creegan, Co. Antrim.

Murray and M'Kinty are both ex-Free State soldiers, and were very well known in the district.

M'Kinty was found unconscious on the roadside between Garron Tower and Waterfoot early on the morning of 27th December, and died in Cushendall Hospital two days later.

At the inquest Murray was the principal witness, and told how on the evening of the 26th December, at about eleven o'clock, he found M'Kinty lying on the road with a bicycle close beside him. He lifted him up and offered to take him in the motor car, but M'Kinty refused to go. As M'Kinty did not appear to be much hurt, although his clothes were soaked with rain, Murray went on with his car, but set out later with two other men to search for M'Kinty, but failed to find him along the road.

When found at about 8.30 the next morning, M'Kinty was unconscious, suffering from exposure, a deep wound above the right ear, and fracture of the skull, which caused a hemorrhage on the brain. His bicycle was standing in a recess near at hand.

An open verdict was returned by the jury, who stated there was no evidence to show whether the injuries were received accidentally or otherwise.

Murray was arrested at Cushendall at midnight on Tuesday by Mr. Silcock and charged with murder. Yesterday he was brought before Mr. Walter Carruth, J.P., at Cushendall, and remanded in custody.

REVOLVER FOUND IN A CHIMNEY.

DEFENCE IN POLICE COURT CASE.

At the Cork District Court yesterday evening, Edward Walsh, Dominick square, was charged with being illegally in possession of a revolver, and with threatening to take the life of Eilly Quinlan.

He was fined 50s. on the second count. On the other charge he was convicted and sentenced to one month's imprisonment, not to become effective if he paid £5, the costs of the prosecution, within a month. He was also bound over for twelve months, himself in £20 and two sureties of £10 each.

The Justice, referring to the revolver, said that he would have taken quite a different view of the matter if the ammunition had fitted it.

The defendant stated that while cleaning a chimney, which had not been used for some years, a bundle fell down, and on opening it he found the revolver and two bullets.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

DUBLIN UNION.—At yesterday's meeting of the Dublin Union Commissioners the Clerk reported that there was a bank balance to credit of £1,443 11s. 5d. The balance due by the County Council in respect of the third instalment was £11,579. The Clerk's estimate for the financial year commencing April 1st next will be considered by the Commissioners at their next meeting. The Dublin Citizens' Association has asked the Commissioners to sit in public to consider the estimates, so that ratepayers may express their views. The Association also asks the Commissioners to publish a summary of the municipal budget some weeks before the meeting, so that the ratepayers may acquaint themselves with the financial policy of the Commissioners.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.—Meetings arranged by the World's Evangelical Alliance in connection with the Week of Prayer will be continued to-day at 8 p.m., in the Young Men's Christian Association Buildings, Lower Abbey street, and at 8 p.m. in Christ Church Lecture Hall, Rathgar. There will be short addresses at each meeting.

PASSENGERS BY B. AND I. LINE, VIA LIVERPOOL.

ARRIVALS:—A. Newsom, Mrs. Newsom, Miss Cherry, W. Butler, H. Warburton, R. Coates, J. Rourke, G. Crean, A. G. Hayward, A. Mitchell, Mrs. Elkington, H. P. Dickinson, T. A. Hunton, Miss Moore, Miss Walsh, M. Bingham, W. T. Edmonds, J. Geoghegan, R. Hewett, Mrs. Shannon, G. Gilmartin, Miss Murphy, H. J. Waller, W. Greer, L. F. Gregg, R. Hepworth, Mrs. Hepworth.

DEPARTURES:—T. Sandiford, J. L. Davies, G. Linburn, J. Crean, J. Davidson, Dr. Slattery, G. Slattery, Miss McIntosh, T. H. Dyer, W. E. Shaw, the Misses Cronin, Miss Ashe, T. Murray, Captain and Mrs. Barry, the Misses Cairnes, Mrs. Cairnes, Dr. Bradlaw, Mr. and Mrs. Mooney, P. Larkin, J. H. Booth.

CONNAUGHT.

MANORHAMILTON ESTIMATES.—The Surveyor reported to a meeting of the Manorhamilton Rural Council that the amount required for road expenditure for the ensuing year would be £7,970, which is £258 above the legal limit. The Council reduced the estimate to the legal limit. The Clerk said that his estimate for the ensuing year was £1,083, which is £435 less than Mayne's estimate. An application by the Local Government Department for £12 0s. 5d., expenses, incurred in holding an inquiry into the water supply at Killyclogher in May, 1920, was refused on the ground that the inquiry was held against its wishes.

FREE COAL IN LEITRIM.—In Mohill, Co. Leitrim, Parish two hundred tickets for free coal have been issued to deserving poor. People in receipt of outdoor relief will get half a ton each, disabled and unemployed six cwts. each, and distressed small farmers five cwts. The Government has made a grant for the relief of the poor.

CHILDREN'S DANCE AT MALAHIDE.—A dance, in aid of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was held in the Grand Hotel, Malahide, yesterday afternoon. Prizes were given for the best costumes, and were won as follow:—Class I.—Miss Olive McDonald, as a seventeenth century lady, as the prettiest, and Master Alan Whyte, as a slave, for the most original. Class II.—Miss Daisy Beamish, as a ship, as the prettiest, and Miss Brennan, as winter sports, as the most original. Lady Talbot de Malahide distributed the prizes. The organising of the dancing was undertaken by Miss Kathleen Manders and her pupils. The Misses Orpen rendered solos.

ST. COLUMCILLE'S HOSPITAL.—A deputation from Bray was received by the Blackrock Urban District Council last night to request representatives to attend a conference "to protest against the proposal of the Ministry to convert St. Columcille's Hospital, Loughlinstown, into a mental home." Two members were appointed to attend the conference.

TULLAMORE RURAL ESTIMATE.—The estimate of Tullamore Rural Council for the ensuing year is £1,600. The estimate for the current year was £1,400. Two years ago it was £1,720. The Council decided not to discuss the matter until "such time as a Council responsible to the people is elected." (The affairs of the County Council are administered by a Commissioner.)

CARLOW UNION DEMAND.—Carlow County Board of Health has adopted an estimate of £23,640 for the ensuing year. The current year's estimate was £21,400. The increase is due to the Board's adoption of complete control of the County Infirmary.

FAMILY LIVING IN COW HOUSE.—An applicant for a cottage at a meeting of the Tullamore Rural District Council said that he had been flooded out of his house, and was living with his family in a cow house.

MUNSTER.

MIDLETON COURTHOUSE.—Writing to the Midleton, Co. Cork, Urban Council with reference to the absence of adequate Court accommodation in the town, the Secretary of the Cork County Council states that immediate steps are to be taken towards the reconstruction of the local Courthouse.

KILRUSH URBAN AFFAIRS.—The Committee appointed by the Clare County Council to administer the affairs of Kilrush Urban Council has ordered that all work under Government grants and all road work shall be put under control of the County Surveyor, and that the Town Clerk must attend to the correspondence and decisions of the Committee with greater punctuality.

ONE MAN'S MOTOR CAR OFFENCES.—On seven charges in connection with driving a motor car, including no lights, no identification plate, no licence and failing to halt when called upon, William Healy, Tuam, was fined a total of 22s. 6d., with ordinary costs, plus 22s. 8d. special costs, at Ennis yesterday.

DOLE PREFERRED TO WORK.—At a meeting of the Midleton, Co. Cork, Urban Council, the Town Surveyor stated that he had requested one of the Council's stonebreakers to resume work, but he had refused to do so, stating that he would rather get the dole.

ULSTER.

ROBBERS IN DONEGAL.—Reports received from Donegal, says our Londonderry Correspondent, state that a gang of armed men are operating in the south and west of the county, and that a number of robberies have taken place. Meehan's public-house, West End, Bundoran, has been raided by three armed and masked men, who robbed the bar of eight bottles of whiskey, cigarettes and a money-box, which, however, was empty.

A fisherman found a revolver in a holster in the mud at Kingstown yesterday.

Mr. Walter W. Jones has been elected registrar and secretary of the Royal Hospital for Incurables, Donnybrook, Dublin.

Our Enniscorthy Correspondent says that Mr. John Behan, Tinnacross, Ferns, has been drowned at Liverpool. He was on his way to America.

The annual estimate of the Committee of Management of the Kilkenny Asylum for the ensuing year is £25,014, a reduction of £1,464 on that of the current year.

Belvedere College Union is holding its annual dance on Friday, January 16, in the Metropole Ballroom, Saulsville street, Dublin.

The Civil Service Dance Class has been amalgamated with the Excelsior Dance Class, and will be held in future in La Scala Ballroom, Sackville street, Dublin. There will be a carnival dance next Monday.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

CHARGE OF FORGING £5 NOTE.—At a Special Court in Dungannon yesterday Margaret Fay, of Killyliss, was committed for trial on bail on a charge of forging and uttering a £1 Bank of Ireland note by which it was made to appear as a £5 note. The word "five" had been written in ink across the face of the note. James Fay and Francis Brannigan were charged with similar offences, but informations were refused. Margaret Fay, it was alleged, tendered the note in payment of an account in a shop in Castlecaulfield on Christmas Eve, and when challenged afterwards by the shop assistant denied that she knew anything about it. Subsequently she admitted to the police that she knew it was a forgery and offered to repay the amount to the shop.

DUCHESS OF ATHOLL'S VISIT.—The Duchess of Atholl, M.P., will visit Belfast next week, and on Tuesday will address two meetings under the auspices of the Ulster Women's Unionist Council. The Duchess, who will arrive on Monday, will be the guest of the Council at a private luncheon in the Y.M.C.A. Minor Hall, and will be the leading speaker at a women's demonstration in the Ulster Hall in the evening. This gathering will also be addressed by the Prime Minister, Mrs. McMordie, Mrs. Colchester, Sir Charles Falls, and Mr. J. A. Pringle. The Duchess of Atholl, who is keenly interested in educational matters, will be the guest of Lady Craig at Stormont during her visit to Belfast.

FINANCIER TO VISIT BELFAST.—Sir Josiah Charles Stamp, a leading British financier, will be the guest of the Belfast Chamber of Commerce at luncheon in the Ulster Hall to-morrow, when he will deliver an address. Sir Charles Stamp was formerly Assistant Secretary to the Board of Inland Revenue. On his retirement he became director and secretary of Nobel Industries, Ltd., and a director of the British Cellulose and Chemical Manufacturing Co. Sir Josiah's special subjects are excess profits duty and corporation profits duty. He has acted in an advisory capacity for the British Government in connection with the reparations questions and economics generally. He was a member of the Royal Commission on Income Tax, and of special interest to Northern Irish people is his membership of the Colwyn Committee, which arbitrates on financial relationships between Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Sir Josiah is Examiner in Economics, Political Science and Statistics for Cambridge, London, and Glasgow Universities. He is a member of the Councils of the Royal Economic and Statistical Societies, the Chartered Institute of Secretaries, the Institutes of Industrial Administration and Public Administration, and the London Chamber of Commerce.

LISNASKEA WORKHOUSE ADMINISTRATION.—Arising out of the recent inspection of Lisnaskea Workhouse by an Inspector to the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Lisnaskea Board of Guardians has called on the workhouse medical officer for an explanation of matters mentioned in the report, which stated that on a considerable number of days between January 10 and September 30 the medical officer made no attendance at the workhouse hospital, but that on rather more than half these days another doctor acted as visiting medical officer. The attendance book also showed that on several occasions the medical officer attended late. The Ministry's letter dealing with the reports said that the Ministry could not do otherwise than take a serious view of such neglect of duty, and must request the Guardians to call on the medical officer for an explanation of his conduct.

SUICIDE FOLLOWS DRINKING.—A verdict of suicide while temporarily insane was returned at an inquest in Enniskillen into the death of Henry Preston, caretaker of the Enniskillen Technical Schools and County Hall, who was found shot last Monday. The widow said that her husband had been drinking lately. On the Saturday night before his death he returned drunk and said to his daughter, "There is no redemption for me." On Sunday he went about as usual, but on the Monday morning at 7.35 he went outside and shot himself. James Ramsay said that when in Fivemiletown last week he saw Preston talking to the owner of a bicycle shop about a revolver, and the shop-owner with the revolver in his hand. Preston asked for ammunition for it, and the shopkeeper brought him six rounds.

RATES PAID AT THE LAST MINUTE.—Dungannon Urban Council, when appointing a rate collector several months ago, offered a poundage fee of 6d. on all rates collected within the first two months, and 4d. and 3d. on all rates collected within the next two periods of two months. The collector has applied for, and been granted, a flat rate of 4d. He states that the ratepayers will not pay the rates until the last few days. Two-thirds of the total rate for the six months had been paid within the last week. People kept money for their own use until the last minute.

MERCANTILE MARINE APPOINTMENT.—Captain L. Ffrench Beytagh, of Kilkeel, County Down, has been appointed by the directors of the P. and O. and British India Company to take command of the new steamship Querimba, 14,000 tons, now being completed by Messrs. William Gray and Co., West Hartlepool. Captain Ffrench Beytagh is a native of County Cork, but has made his home in Down for some years.

MOTOR CYCLIST CHARGED.—At a Special Court in Dunmurry, Co. Antrim, yesterday, James Cromie, farmer, of Edengarry Rathfriland, was committed for trial, on bail, on a charge of manslaughter in connection with the death of Elizabeth Peyton, Ballinyal, on December 19 last, by knocking her down with a motor cycle which he was driving. The Resident Magistrate commented on the bad condition of the roads.

BURNING ACCIDENT.—A six-year-old child, Lilian Monaghan, Bartin street, Shankill road, Belfast, has been severely burned through her nightdress catching fire. Mrs. Ann Mulholland, aged 71, the child's grandmother, smothered the flames with her hands, which were badly injured.

CAVAN PAUPERS IN ENNISKILLEN.—The Clerk of Enniskillen Union told the Guardians last Tuesday that he had written to the Cavan County Home about Cavan patients and paupers who had been in Enniskillen Workhouse for years. The reply was that they should be sent home, but they had no homes. The Clerk was directed to say that the Cavan Home would be held financially responsible. The Cavan authorities were asked to take their inmates to County Cavan.

STRUCK BY FALLING BRICK.—The funeral took place in Lurgan yesterday of John Magowan, a youth, who died as a result of injuries received while walking along York street, Belfast. When passing a building in course of erection a falling brick struck him on the head, inflicting scalp wounds, which resulted in his death.

BANGOR'S GROWTH.—It was reported to a meeting of the Bangor Urban Council that 703 houses had been built during the past three years. The annual average before the war was 50.

Thomas Lavery, aged three years, died on Tuesday night in Lurgan Hospital as the result of injuries received on the same morning by falling in the fire at his parents' home, Lavery's Bridge, near Moira.

A LABOURER'S DEATH.

ASPHYXIATED BY THYMUS GLAND.

A verdict that death was due to asphyxia caused by a thymus gland and by food drawn into the lungs was returned at an inquest held yesterday in Stevens's Hospital, Dublin, on the body of Michael O'Rourke, aged 19, a labourer, of Knockmaroon, Chapelizod.

Evidence was given that the deceased was riding a bicycle and leading another about six o'clock on the previous evening along the Chapelizod road from the city, and when within a few yards of Keenan's public-house he was seen to fall. He was conveyed to Stevens's Hospital, but he died before his arrival there. A post-mortem examination disclosed an enlarged thymus gland between both lungs. The liver, spleen and kidneys were congested; and Dr. Murphy, house surgeon Stevens's Hospital, gave it as his opinion that the gland made the deceased subject to fits, that he got one of these when cycling, and, while unconscious, drew the food into the lungs. He did not think the fall had anything to do with the death.

Asked by a juror what the thymus gland was, the doctor said that it was an abnormality. Such a gland was present in children, but it ought to have disappeared in the case of deceased.

A BIGAMOUS MARRIAGE.

EX-RIFLEMAN CHARGED WITH ABETTING.

In the Belfast Recorder's Court yesterday, Francis Cochrane was found guilty of having aided and abetted Jessie Reilly to commit bigamy.

The evidence in the case showed that Jessie Tarbet was married in 1904 to William Reilly in Glasgow. He went away on active service in 1915, and he and his wife never came together afterwards. In 1917 the prisoner and Mrs. Reilly were married in a Register Office in Belfast.

When arrested the prisoner said that when he married Mrs. Reilly he did not know that she was a married woman, and she told him that her name was Mary Wilson.

He told the Recorder that he joined the Royal Irish Rifles in 1917. Because he was refused leave he took "French leave" and went to Glasgow. He was brought back to Ireland, and after he had served a term of detention in Dublin Mrs. Reilly came across to Belfast and they got married.

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ULSTER'S PRESENT AND FUTURE.

UNPARALLELED PROGRESS.

BROADCAST TALK BY MR. POLLOCK.

The first of the series of talks by members of the Northern Government was broadcast from the Belfast Station last night, when the Right Hon. H. M. Pollock, Minister of Finance, spoke on "Ulster—Past, Present and Future."

In the course of his address, he said that during her early efforts at government Ulster could not lay claim to any of those advantages which should fall to the lot of a self-governing State. At the outset of her career, with travail and strong crying, she was ushered into life in the fateful days of 1921. Murder, pillage and arson were her infant swaddling clothes. Notwithstanding all this, however, within a very few months of the elections for the Northern Parliament the various administrative departments were established, and Ulster proceeded, in a manner wholly characteristic of her people, to justify the responsibility which was thrust upon her. And it was no mean task. She was faced by an unprecedented campaign of outrage and disorder, with local problems, varied and complex, calling for immediate attention from the Government.

RECORD OF SUCCESS.

There existed all the elements which, if not properly controlled, might have strangled the new-born State at the very beginning of her career. Her record, however, for the past three years had been one of unparalleled success. Law and order had been completely restored, and Ulster was as safe as any part of Great Britain. Reforms which for years had been clamouring for attention in purely local matters had been remedied by legislative measures of outstanding importance, and the crying need for an advanced educational system which would satisfy the aspirations of the youth of the province had been met by the passing into law of an Education Act in 1923, which was destined to be the charter of the children's liberties.

The difficulties which we have had to contend with in the industrial sphere, he said, have been tremendous. The world-wide post-war depression, which has stalked as a spectre throughout the United Kingdom, has claimed many victims in our industrial life. The two great industries for which the province is world-famed—namely, linen and shipbuilding, have suffered a period of depression unparalleled in their history, but, although there are still a large number of unemployed, the measures which the Government have introduced have to some extent lessened the severe burdens our people had to bear by adherence to definite ideals, and through steadfastness of purpose Ulster has at last won through.

A NEW EXPERIMENT.

The scheme of self-government for Ulster is a new experiment in federalism in these islands, the outcome of which may be of greater moment than we realise at present. Its success or failure is in the hands of our children. It has been said that a nation or a people which possessed no moral fibre or ideals which were not founded on righteousness would have no history worth recording, nor any memories fit to survive. The future of Ulster, therefore, is the heritage of her youth. Great opportunities are unfolding, and if if opportunity and endeavour go hand in hand those who follow us will travel along a sunlit road.

By their great educational system which has been recently established our children of to-day have the doors of all the knowledge of the ages thrown open for their unrestricted entrance. The wonderful developments of modern science have unfolded many of the mysteries of the past, and Ulster youth, through their splendid University, will have the fullest opportunity of following the path of research and discovery.

Commerce and industry at home will continue to receive a stimulus from the enjoyment of citizenship with forty millions of our fellow-countrymen in Great Britain, with whom trading relationship is free and unhampered. There will be no fiscal barriers to interpose their blighting curse. Under the fostering care of our provincial Government, and taking advantage of scientific methods, agriculture in Ulster has opportunities of development hitherto denied to it. Additional and improved transport facilities will have a tendency to bring nearer and nearer the great markets of Britain, which nothing will be able to disturb.

The vast Empire, to whose glory and solidarity the genius of Ulstermen has contributed so greatly in the past, presents a still greater field for those to whom ambition is the lodestar.

Further talks in this series will be broadcast at 6.40 p.m. on subsequent Wednesdays. Next Wednesday the Right Hon. J. M. Andrews, M.P., Minister of Labour, will deliver an address on "The Development of Ulster's Prosperity."

GUILD OF CATHOLIC NURSES.

CONFERENCE IN DUBLIN.

A conference of members of the nursing profession was held in the Oak Room of the Mansion House, Dublin, last night, under the auspices of the Irish Guild of Catholic Nurses.

Miss M. C. Wall, Matron of the Meath Hospital, occupied the chair.

The hon. secretary (Miss Nicholls), in her report, outlined the aims and work of the Irish Guild of Catholic Nurses. These were, briefly, to unite nurses in their spiritual activities; to promote a spirit of fraternal charity between members of all branches of the profession and to interest its members and associates in such social and professional activities as will tend to develop and stimulate Irish nurses to achieve leadership in their profession. The first rule of the Guild was that it shall be non-political and shall in no way interfere in professional differences. Non-Catholic graduates and students will be admitted as associates.

The Rev. M. Sweeney, O.M.I., Inchicore, said that they were there to unite and bind themselves together in order that they might fight more successfully the common battle of Christian life, and particularly the battle of their particular calling as Catholic nurses. The materialistic tendency of the age had left its mark on the nursing profession as on most others. It had no scruple in introducing into nursing manuals principles and advices violently at variance with Catholic teaching.

The Catholic nurse of to-day could not be too strongly advised for the glory of her profession and the salvation of her soul to give a wide berth to the dangerous trashy literature and positively immoral teaching broadcasted in the world. It was the duty of the Catholic nurse to master the moral principles which would keep purity in her profession intact and regulate its functions in accordance with Catholic teaching and Catholic morals.

The Rev. Herbert Carruth, C.P., Mount Argus, specially advised nurses to remember their conduct and bearing outside their professional duty. They were known as nurses, criticised as such, and not only themselves, but the whole nursing profession would be blamed or praised according to how they carried themselves.

Dr. C. M. O'Brien, who also spoke, suggested that the existence of their Guild was not more widely known.

The Rev. G. Turley, Westland Row, congratulated the lady chairman and the hon. secretary on the success of the meeting, and, on his own behalf and on behalf of the priests of St. Andrew's, promised to do what he could to help the Guild.

The Rev. M. A. Garrahy, S.J., and the Rev. E. Feley, S.J., also spoke, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the speakers.

FATAL MOTOR ACCIDENT.

Patrick McCann, a chauffeur employed by Mr. T. B. Caffrey, brawer, Kingscourt, Belfast, was driving his employer's car on the road near the new Ballynaleigh schoolhouse yesterday afternoon, when it suddenly swerved and dashed into a tramway standard. The front of the car was badly wrecked, and when McCann was rescued it was found that he was dead. He appeared to have been killed by the impact. The police had the body removed into the schoolhouse.

Robert Hughes, first Lord Mayor of Cardiff, was acquitted at Glamorgan Quarter Sessions on a charge of false pretences, the Chairman stating that the charge should never have been brought.

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ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.
"NO DANGER OF ITS FALLING."
The Lord Mayor of London, one of the trustees of St. Paul's Cathedral, stated last night that he did not think that there was any danger of the Cathedral falling. The rubble in the eight pillars supporting the forty to sixty thousand-ton dome had crumbled to dust, and probably a couple of hundred thousand pounds would be required for repairs.

The Irish Times.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 1925.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

The experts' report on the plan for the harnessing of the Shannon will be published soon after the Dail reassembles on February 3rd. It is a bulky document written in German, and a special staff has been engaged to translate it.—(Page 7.)

In parts of the County Clare farmers are losing large numbers of sheep owing to fluke, which is said to be caused by the continuous wet weather.—(Page 8.)

At a meeting in the Galway Chamber of Commerce yesterday, the West of Ireland Tourist Development Association decided to join with the Central Organisation in Dublin.—(Page 8.)

"Ulster—Past, Present and Future" was the subject of the first of a series of talks by Northern Irish Ministers which was broadcast last night. The speaker was Mr. H. M. Pollock, Northern Minister of Finance.—(Page 5.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

Percy Gibson, a Communist organiser, who was remanded at Newcastle yesterday on a charge of being in possession of explosives, was stated to have threatened to blow up the Town Hall and cut off the waterworks.—(Page 9.)

The pound sterling reached a new high record yesterday.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD.

Inter-Allied debts are the subject of many important discussions behind the scenes at Paris.—(Page 7.)

Signor Mussolini has decided to dissolve Parliament.—(Page 7.)

The Bengal Legislative Council has rejected the Bengal Criminal Law Amendment Bill by 66 votes to 57. The Bill was designed to give effect to the ordinance for the suppression of terrorism in Bengal.—(Page 8.)

SPORTING.

At Tenby yesterday False Report won the Llwynarthan Challenge Cup.—(Page 10.)

In the sixth day of the second Test match England scored 259 for six wickets in their second innings, and at the close of play required 113 to win with four wickets in hand. The tail collapsed to-day, and Australia won by 81 runs.—(Pages 10 and 7.)

FINANCIAL.

In London yesterday the Stock Markets were active and firm, but the close was below the best.—(Page 11.)

Money was in strong demand in Lombard street at 3-3½ per cent. for overnight loans. Discount rates were very firm. Sterling exchange improved.—(Page 11.)

In Dublin Bank of Ireland Stock and Textile Shares were strong.—(Page 11.)

Tourists and Politics.

It the new year brings reasonably good weather, there is every prospect that the coming summer will witness a great revival of the Irish tourist traffic. It will be a holiday summer for the whole of Europe, since trade is improving everywhere. America, now the most prosperous country in the world, will send large numbers of her citizens across the Atlantic, and the British Empire Exhibition will be re-opened at Wembley. Ireland ought to be able to attract many thousands of British and foreign visitors to her shores, and, fortunately, her tourist organisations are fully alive to the opportunity. Indeed, they are more active now, and are showing a keener desire for co-operative effort, than at any former time in the whole history of the tourist movement. Already the Free State's central organisation in Dublin has carried its plans well forward. It is in touch with the Government and with the national railway board; and it has received assurances that the movement will have the whole-hearted and invaluable support of the London, Midland and Scottish Railway Company. Yesterday the West of Ireland Tourist Development Association decided to ally itself with the central body in Dublin. In the North the Ulster Association is working strenuously and is getting substantial help from the municipalities and Chambers of Commerce, including a grant of £300 from the Corporation of Belfast. The Council of the Ulster Association is preparing already to welcome parties of 3,000 visitors from Canada and of 500 from the United States. It is not enough, however, merely to bring people to Ireland. The best accommodation must be provided for them—clean and cheap hotels, comfortable means of travel and all those other amenities which the twentieth-century tourist expects to find. If, during the coming summer, we disappoint our visitors in any of these matters, our last state will be worse than the first. Four or five months will be a short time for the setting of our national house in order. It is especially desirable that the Free State Government and the local authorities shall undertake without further delay a vigorous campaign for the improvement of roads.

There is another condition of success—very important and, as yet, by no means fulfilled. It was discussed yesterday by the Deputy-Speaker of *Dail Eireann*, at the meeting of the Western Tourist Association. We agree heartily with Mr. O'Maille that the Free State's first need, in regard to the tourist traffic and every other phase of national development, is security and peace. The man who is attracted by danger and uncertainty travels usually with a light purse. The tourists who leave money behind them have a common liking for regular meals, quiet nights and safe journeys. If the coming tourist season is to be lucrative for the Free State, the world must have complete assurance that every county of the twenty-six is as peaceful as any Canton in Switzerland and that placid millionaires from Detroit are not likely to be entrapped in another Irish revolution. Mr. O'Maille says that to-day such fears may be dismissed, that we are coming back to the normal and that, with a view to the tourist season, the general restoration of peace in Ireland ought to be advertised among the nations. Happily, his contention is, in the main, correct. Conditions in the Free State are vastly better than they were two years ago; but causes for anxiety remain and cannot be ignored. The British and American Press is well served with political news from the *Saorstat*. Just now that news consists of rumours of dissension in the ranks of the Government's party, of hints of trouble in the Free State Army, of suggestions of new political combinations which may have disconcerting results. We believe, in the first place, that all these rumours are encouraged by the curious policy of secrecy to which the Government itself adheres; and, in the next place, that the country, when the facts are explained to it, will rally to the Government's support. The forthcoming by-elections ought to define the situation for the *Saorstat*'s own citizens and for our prospective visitors; but it is highly important that these elections shall not be fought in an atmosphere of mystery and intrigue. Why do Ministers hesitate to take the people into their fullest confidence?

The Threat from Denmark.

The Danish foreign trade returns for 1923 have been published now in their final form and contain some extremely useful information for Irish agriculturists. Denmark takes her trading very seriously, and the returns have been compiled with the utmost accuracy, occupying apparently a whole year in their analysis. Denmark's total import trade for 1923 amounted to 2,031,000,000 kroner, or, at present exchange rates, about £75,000,000. Her total exports aggregated 1,685,000,000 kroner, or £63,345,000. These figures include goods which passed through Denmark for re-export; the amount of imports for purely Danish consumption was £70,500,000, while the export of home goods reached £57,000,000. The volume of Denmark's foreign trade has been increasing steadily since the war; and, although there is a distinct surplus of imports over exports at present, the gap is closing gradually, and the deficit is being made good by the export of gold. Great Britain and Germany are Denmark's best customers. Of her imports during 1923 651,000,000 kroner (£24,000,000), or 32 *per cent.*, came from Germany, and 407,000,000 kroner (£15,000,000), or 20 *per cent.*, from Great Britain. Germany supplied her chiefly with drapery, iron, fodder and cereals, while Britain's contribution consisted largely of coal, iron, mineral oils and a certain number of ships. On the export side the positions of Britain and Germany are reversed. In 1923 Denmark sold nearly £40,000,000 worth of finished agricultural produce in the British market—a figure which represents 69 *per cent.* of her total export trade. To Germany her exports amounted only to £3,550,000, or six *per cent.* of her aggregate sales abroad. On the basis of these figures, therefore, Germany has a net annual gain of about £20,000,000 from Denmark, as compared with Britain's annual loss of £25,000,000 to the same customer.

The fact that Denmark is sending to Britain £40,000,000 worth of agricultural produce every year is a lasting reproach to Irish agriculture. It proves that trade of which this country ought to have a virtual monopoly is being diverted steadily to Denmark, and probably the Dutch returns tell a similar tale. The Irish farmer, with the British market within a few hours of his doorstep, is paying a five shilling income tax and struggling with an annual trade deficit with Britain of about £18,000,000. Such a condition of affairs ought not to be allowed to continue; for, if the Irish people neglect their agricultural industry, bankruptcy will be their certain fate. The aim of everybody in the Free State who has any genuine interest in his country's welfare ought to be the capture of the better part of that £40,000,000 which is flowing at present into Danish pockets. The natural advantages are nearly all on Ireland's side, but many reforms are imperative before the goal can be reached. We are glad that the Ministry for Lands and Agriculture has taken the initiative, and in Mr. P. J. Hogan's series of three Bills—the Dairy Produce Bill, the Live Stock Breeding Bill and the Egg Bill—the Free State farmer has a charter of prosperity even more valuable than the Land Purchase Bill. No Government, however, can create better trade; it can only help and encourage exporters, whose salvation ultimately lies in their own hands. When Denmark set out to capture the British market the Danish farmer had few of the advantages which the Irish farmer possesses to-day; but Denmark succeeded because the Danes had the will to success. We are convinced that, if the Free State should follow Denmark's example even now, Irish produce could regain its old pride of place in the British larder. Before any results can be achieved, of course, rail and shipping freights alike must be lowered considerably. Then, with the safe passage of Mr. Hogan's Bills, the way will be clear for that real revival of Irish agriculture which is twenty years overdue.

The New Wembley.

The British Empire Exhibition at Wembley will re-open during the first week in May. Sir Travers Clarke, the chief administrator of the Exhibition, has given some particulars about future plans and arrangements to members of the English-Speaking Union. Although Wembley attracted seven million visits last year, Sir Travers Clarke considers that its work is only half done. If the proportion of visitors from Greater London had been so large as that from provincial centres, he said, the attendances would have been doubled. It cannot be doubted that a fine summer will ensure the presence of very large crowds—exceeding, in fact, those which visited the Exhibition during the damp days of its first year of life. This year's re-opening is assured of support from exhibitors, and Sir Travers Clarke believes that every colony will be represented, with the exception of Fiji. The experience of the past year will be turned to good account, and the Exhibition will be better and brighter in 1925. There will be better gardens than before, more flags, more music, more light and more variety. Additions will be made to the Amusements Park, and it is hoped that more spectacles of the nature of last year's Tattoo will be provided. The decision to strengthen the amusement side of the Exhibition has two motives. In the first place, people who are attracted by the prospect of amusement cannot fail to be instructed also, once they have entered the grounds of the Exhibition. The second object is more ambitious—namely, to break down a little of the insular exclusiveness of the Anglo-Saxon race. If this task can be discharged, Wembley will have conferred a lasting benefit on the world.

Bricks.

Lieutenant-Colonel F. E. Fremantle, M.P., a former Chairman of the Housing Committee of the London County Council, has furnished *The Times* with some interesting figures concerning bricklayers and the laying of bricks. He selects three years for the purpose of comparison—1914, 1920 and 1922. In the first of these three years the English bricklayer worked ten hours a day for a wage of tenpence-halfpenny an hour. In 1920 he worked eight hours a day for two shillings and fourpence an hour, and in 1922 his hours were still eight, but his pay was only two shillings an hour. The most curious feature of the comparative figures is the fact that the number of bricks which were laid varied inversely with the hourly wage; and the next most curious feature is the fact that the average number of bricks laid *per* hour was greater in the ten hours' day than in the presumably less fatiguing day of eight hours. In 1914 the bricklayer's daily output was eight hundred to one thousand bricks; in 1920 it was only two hundred, and in 1922 it had risen to five hundred. It is not easy to see how the amount of daily work done by bricklayers can be affected by the cost of living, but Colonel Fremantle gives the comparative index figures in July of the three years under review. Taking 100 as the figure for 1914, he shows that the cost of living stood at 252 in 1920 and at 184 in 1922. The result is not explicable by sound logic, but it certainly appears that the output of bricks in England bears an inverse ratio to the cost of living figure.

NEW LONDON PLAYS.

"CAMILLA STATES HER CASE" AT THE GLOBE THEATRE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday.

Camilla stated her case for freedom and liberty of thought and action very clearly and concisely—if somewhat wordily—in the new play produced to-night at the Globe Theatre.

Camilla is a famous American film star married to a staid Englishman, Major-General Sir John Leighton, K.C.B., D.S.O. He cannot tolerate the publicity her work justifies, and she cannot endure the tameness of the life he expects her to lead. The whole play deals with the contest of their wills—hoary tradition versus modernity.

The husband is early Victorian in his views of a woman's duties—her life and habits. The wife is ultra-modern in her demand for the expression of her own individuality in her work. Matters reach a climax when Sir John insists that she gives an invaluable secretary the sack, because the country might talk if she is seen too much with him. She asks her husband for her freedom, pointing out they are different types and will never agree, but he is shocked at the thought of his marriage vows being violated, and so Camilla does what is necessary to obtain a divorce, and the final curtain falls on Camilla sleeping like a child—"a creature set apart to make the world happier by her work," to quote a devoted Irish-American nurse.

This is a curiously uneven play; and one feels that the author, George Egerton (Mrs. E. Golding-Bright) is sincere and has something to say. At times it is an intelligent and clever piece of work, and many of the characters are drawn with shrewd observation, but it is too wordy, and much of it is "sheer nonsense." The first act is altogether too long and explanatory, and would have been boring but for the excellence of the acting.

Miss Margaret Bannerman was incomparable in a difficult part. Her acting was sensitive, impassioned, and charmingly natural, and she showed great skill in suggesting emotion without over-emphasis. Mr. C. M. Lowne made Sir John a terrible bore; but the character was grossly exaggerated. Mr. Ivan Berlyn gave a perfect study of the film star's Jewish producer, and Mr. William Phelps as the publicity man was immense. George Tully was sympathetic, and acted finely as the family friend. Indeed, the whole cast was exceptionally good, and if the play has anything like a success it will be largely due to the brilliance of the acting.

"MEDDLERS" AT THE ST. JAMES'S.

A wearisome, unfunny play, with scarcely a farcical line, was produced last night at the St. James's Theatre, entitled "Meddlers." The authors are Miss Agnes Platt and Mr. Norman Pugh.

Dr. Ashton has a pretty and high-spirited ward, whom he loves, but tries to marry to various people in order to keep her out of mischief. A ridiculous companion is engaged for himself, one nearly as stupid for his ward, and they all depart for Devonshire, where we are compelled to watch a lot of silly antics that mean nothing whatever. This farce has the thinnest story imaginable; bad dialogue and worse construction; and there is small wonder that the actors could find little inspiration in their lines.

Mr. Edwin Greenwood played an imbecile solicitor with humour, and even managed to secure a little mirth with the wretched material with which he had to work. Miss Gladys Ffolliott also managed to raise an occasional laugh from an audience which was irritated and gloomy by turns. Mr. Farren Soutar did what he could as the doctor, Miss Mimi Crawford was pretty as the ward, and Mr. Charles Vane admirable as the butler.

The piece was preceded by a little sketch that just missed being thrilling. It was distinctly Grand Guignolish, but the story of the scientist who lured a burglar to his home for the purpose of experiment frequently missed being dramatically effective on account of the stilted dialogue. It was, however, well played by Mr. Charles Vane as the burglar and Mr. Henry Twyford as the doctor.

WEATHER FORECAST.

Ireland.—Wind between south and south-west, fresh to strong at times; mainly dull; some rain; visibility moderate to good; rather mild.

S.W. Seaboard, Mouth of Channel to South-West Ireland.—Wind southerly, veering towards west later, moderate to fresh; cloudy; some rain later; visibility moderate to good; sea rather rough.

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel; N.W. Seaboard, Northern Ireland to Hebrides.—Wind southerly, fresh to strong at times; dull; some rain; visibility moderate to good; sea rough.

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.

Dublin—Wednesday (5 p.m.) 30.40

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To-day....Rises ... 8.38 Sets 4.25
To-morrow... ... 8.38 ,, ... 4.27
Lighting-up Time 5.25

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"Cinderella," 7.30 p.m.
Theatre Royal—Varieties, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"Pam-in-Boots," 6.50 and 9 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"Babes in the Wood," 7 and 9.
Tivoli Theatre—Dixie Minstrels, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Abbey Theatre—"The Fiddler's House" and "Never the Time and the Place," 8 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"The Silent Voice," 3 to 10.30.
Metropole—"The Ten Commandments," 1.0, 3.50, 6.0 and 8.30 p.m.
Princess, Rathmines—"The Velvet Woman."
The Carlton—"The Tenth Woman."
The Sackville Picture House—"Dead or Alive."
Grand Central—"Mysterious Rider."
The Pavilion, Dun Laoghaire—"Nellie," 3.40, 6.15, and 8.50 p.m.
The Grafton—"The Enchanted Cottage."
Dublin Port and Docks Board.
Gaelic League Convention, 26 Parnell square, 11 a.m.
Mansion House Coal Fund, Mansion House, 4.30 p.m.
Cumann na nGaedheal, 96 George street, Kingstown.
Dublin Wireless Club, 32 Wicklow street, 8 p.m.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

Prince Henry, who will arrive to-morrow at Bowhill, Selkirk, on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Buccleuch, will accompany his hostess and her party to a ball in the Assembly Rooms, Edinburgh, on Wednesday, January 14th.

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Lord Carnegie and Lady Maud Carnegie have returned to London from Scotland, where they spent the Christmas season with the Earl and Countess of Southesk. They are now at their residence in Norfolk street, Park lane.

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Lady Katharine Meade, Lady-in-Waiting to the Duchess of York has been staying with her brother and sister-in-law, the Earl and Countess of Clanwilliam, at Montalto, Co. Down. Viscount Masserene and Ferrard is expected in London to-day from Warwick, and will leave to-morrow to join Viscountess Masserene in the North of Ireland.

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Mr. and Mrs. Neville Chamberlain arrived at Gibraltar from England yesterday morning. They intend to make a short stay at Algeciras. The Right Hon. E. F. L. Wood, British Minister of Agriculture, is suffering from an attack of influenza, and has been obliged to cancel his immediate engagements.

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The Duchess of Norfolk, with the Duke of Norfolk and Lady Rachel Howard, has left for Switzerland for the winter sports. The Countess of Cromer is starting to-day for Switzerland, and Lady Plunket left on Tuesday for St. Moritz.

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The Earl and Countess of Portarlington have left London for Leighton Buzzard, and are staying with Lord and Lady Dalmeny at Mentmore.

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The Marquis of Bute is entertaining a shooting party this week at Kames Castle, in the Isle of Bute. The guns included his sons, the Earl of Dumfries and Lord Robert Crichton-Stuart; his brother, Lord Colum Crichton-Stuart; his brother-in-law, Major Colin Macrae; Lord Leslie, and Colonel Cranstown.

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Lady Burrell's house party at Knepp Castle for the Crawley and Horsham Hunt Ball included Miss Desirée Brooke, Miss Rosemary Cohen, Miss Joan Burrell, Lord North, and Mr. Walter and Mr. Peter Burrell.

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The High Peak Hunt Ball was held on Tuesday night in the Hydro Hotel, Buxton. All the surrounding country houses entertained for the occasion, and about three hundred and fifty guests were present. The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire's party from Chatsworth included the Marquis and Marchioness of Hartington, Lady Dorothy MacMillan, Lady Anne Cavendish, Lady Mary Thynne, Lady Rachel Stuart, Lady Mary Scott, Lady Margaret Scott, Lord Charles Cavendish, and Lord Hugh Cecil.

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Among the many Irish friends present at the wedding of Miss Marjory Cross and Mr. W. T. Lindsay were the Marchioness of Sligo, the Countess of Caledon, Florence Lady Garvagh, Baroness Gray, the Hon. Evelyn Gray, Lady Jane and Miss Jean Combe, General Sir Bindon and Lady Blood, the Hon. Henry and Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Leigh White, Mr. and Mrs. Sharman Crawford, and Miss G. Guinness.

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Miss Betty Haig, a niece of Earl Haig, had a narrow escape from serious injury when the motor car in which she was riding on Tuesday caught fire. She was accompanied at the time by her brother, Mr. Peter Haig, who had been with her to an evening party at Midhurst, Sussex. When about five miles from their home at Sutton the car broke into flames, and in a short space of time the whole of the upper part of the vehicle was destroyed. The chassis itself was scorched and blackened by the flames.

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The marriage arranged between Francis Jervois, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Jervois, of Youghal, and Sybil, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Carroll, of 1 Westbourne, Queenstown, will take place in Christ Church, Cork, on 14th January. A reception will afterwards be held in the Imperial Hotel, Cork.

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The marriage of Miss Kathleen Weymouth Fortescue Fisher, Glasthule, Sandycove, youngest daughter of Harry D. and the late Edith A. Fisher, to Charles Victor Ashe, M.C., late Captain, South Wales Borderers, will take place in March next.

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Mr. A. F. Blood, K.C., has returned to 49 Leeson Park, Dublin, from England.

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Dr. A. ffrench-O'Carroll has changed his address to 8 Upper Fitzwilliam street.

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Dr. Dorothy Stopford has left 33 Fitzwilliam square till February 1st.

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Dr. G. E. Pepper has returned to 26 Lower Baggot street.

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James S. Tucker has returned to 44 Harcourt street.

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Mr. James Smith has returned to 62 Lower Mount street.

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Two Special Sale Offers from Switzer's Costume Gallery.—Navy Tricotine and Repp Coats and Skirts (copies of French Models), from £4 19s. 6d.; Irish Tweed Costumes for Sports and Country Wear, £2 19s. 6d. and £3 19s. 6d.

Holmes' Sale, this and following days.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

First delivery of New Spring Millinery.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 South Great George's street.

Opera top Combinations in flesh colour silk and wool, 29s. 11d. Spun Silk Combinations, ribbed armhole, in outsize, 31s. 11d. Redia All-Wool Combinations, lace trimmed, outsize, 12s. 11d.—Slyne and Co., Ltd., 71 Grafton street, 1 and 2 Harry street.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.

Arrivals:—James S. Tucker, C. Roche, Mrs. A. L. Marshall, Miss Doris Marshall, C. J. A. Delany, G. J. Cole, G. A. Hipwell, Hubert Briscoe, Madame Renée, Miss Julie O'Callaghan, Rev. A. E. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Dunbar, R. St. J. Lyburn, G. E. Shanahan, H. J. McSherry, Professor and Mrs. Lloyd-Jones, Mr. and Mrs. H. Thrift, N. M. Greeves, Miss Dorothy M. Manning, Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, Mrs. A. R. Maddocks, Mrs. H. Green, Miss C. Law, D. R. Goodman, S. Goodman, Mrs. S. Goodman, W. Wiseman, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Merrick, Miss Merrick, Miss Mary Merrick, Master Thomas Merrick.

Departures:—Miss Meeke, Captain and Mrs. Douglas T. Figgis, Mrs. Taaffe and Miss Taaffe, Miss Gaunt, Rev. J. E. Preston, Master S. Preston, Sister O'Dowd, Helen McDonnell, Katheline Curran, Madge O'Shaughnessy, F. H. Hannaford, E. Botterill, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gault, Mr. and Mrs. James M. Carroll, Miss M. E. Morton, Maire R. O'Higgins, Dr. F. X. Costello, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Caple, Dr. Mark J. Bradley, Miss R. Jacob, J. O'Sullivan, Miss A. O'Sullivan, Miss M. Herin.

Other Arrivals and Departures will be found in "Dublin and the Provinces."

McBirney and Co.'s Great Winter Sale, this and coming days. Write for Price List.

The Mansfield Sisters—Great Sale now on. Don't miss the bargains to be had in Millinery, Furs, Gowns and Sports Wear.—23 Wicklow street.

Furniture Stored in our new Fireproof Depository.—Millar and Beatty, Ltd.

Furs—A large selection of Handsome Furs at reduced prices.—Mumford, 18 Suffolk st.

Reduction Sale—All Hats, Coats and Frocks greatly reduced for January Sale.—Misses McManus, 125 Stephen's Green.

Gibson and Co., Ladies' Tailors, Specialists in designing and cutting. All models made on the premises. Inspection invited.—141 Lr Baggot st.

Special Sale of Navy Costumes (this season's Models), 34 gns. to 5½. Usual prices, 5½ to 9½. See Windows Wednesday and Thursday.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

Annual Winter Sale now proceeding; genuine reductions in all departments.—Davis and Co., 45 Grafton street.

PRESIDENT COSGRAVE.

NICE, Wednesday.

Mr. Cosgrave left by the 2.10 train to-day for Paris. His health has vastly improved since his stay here. He will stay in Paris for four or five days.—(Reuter.)

For me, as an artist and a musician, I must confess that Bach is a colossal bore.—Mr. W. J. Turner.

LONDON LETTER.

MR. CHURCHILL IN PARIS.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Mr. Churchill is hard at work in Paris and his efforts are being watched with keen interest on this side. He has been so much in the limelight that it comes almost as a surprise to learn that this is, perhaps, the first time that he has been called upon to exercise his undoubted gifts in diplomacy of an international character. During the war Ministers were constantly rushing to and from conferences, but Mr. Churchill nearly always remained at home. He has, however, one great advantage that other of our Ministers lack; for he knows, and has fought in, many areas such as the Indian frontier, Egypt, South Africa and France. There is also the famous visit to Antwerp, when he crossed the North Sea to hearten up the Belgians,

SECOND TEST MATCH.

SEVENTH DAY'S PLAY.

AUSTRALIA WIN BY 81 RUNS.

ENGLISH TAIL COLLAPSES.

TO-DAY the Test Match of Endurance entered on its seventh day. England, with four wickets to fall, wanted 113 runs to win. Sutcliffe, who had scored 114 overnight—his second century in the match, and incidentally a new English record—resumed the innings, partnered by J. W. H. T. Douglas, who had already batted seven minutes without scoring. The other "last hopes" of the English side were:—

A. E. R. Gilligan (captain),
A. P. F. Chapman, and
Tate.

No side entering on a fourth innings at Melbourne had ever reached a score as high as 372, which is the figure Australia set England in this match.

In January, 1895, Australia scored 353 runs and lost, though two months later England made 298 (for four) and won. Of the nine occasions when England has taken the fourth innings at Melbourne since 1895 only three brought victory, while

THE SCORE BAROMETER.

Day.		Runs.	Wkts.	Total Runs.
First	Australia	300	4	300
Second	Australia	300	6	300
Third	England	283	0	283
Fourth	England	196	10	
	Australia	63	3	259
Fifth	Australia	187	7	
	England	84	1	241
Sixth	England	205	5	205

Australia's three last "knocks" during the same period yielded only a single success.

Interviewed yesterday, Mr. Gilligan stated that Sutcliffe had played a remarkable innings in view of the uphill fight, and in batting for virtually three days his performance was the finest on the cricket field for many years.

Alas for England's hopes of a victory, the tail collapsed. Sutcliffe was dismissed when only 21 had been added to the score, his total being 127. Douglas was dismissed nine runs later, having made 14. Gilligan joined Chapman, and was sent back to the pavilion without scoring.

Tate, who was the last man in, was also dismissed without scoring.

Mailey took three of the last four wickets, the fourth falling to Gregory.

The last three wickets fell for 10 runs, and Australia won one of the most remarkable Test match games on record by 81 runs.

TO-DAY'S CABLES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The latest weather forecast is generally fine and warmer.

The newspapers praise the Englishmen's magnificent performance in fighting so tenaciously for victory after facing a world's record score.

When the game restarted the weather was fine and warm, and the attendance was about 5,000. The wicket was still good.

THE LATEST SCORE.

AUSTRALIA—FIRST INNINGS.

H. L. Collins c Strudwick b Tate	9
W. Bardsley c Strudwick b Gilligan	10
A. Richardson run out	14
V. H. Ponsford b Tate	128
J. M. Taylor run out	72
V. Richardson run out	138
C. Kelleway c Strudwick b Gilligan	32
A. E. V. Hartkopf c Chapman b Gilligan	30
J. M. Gregory c Gilligan b Tate	44
W. A. Oldfield not out	30
A. A. Mailey l.b.w. b Douglas	1
Extras	24
Total	600

FALL OF WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
22	47	47	208	301	342	439	499	599	600

ENGLAND—FIRST INNINGS.

Hobbs b Mailey	154
Sutcliffe b Kelleway	176
Woolley b Gregory	9
Hearne b Mailey	9
Hendren c Oldfield b Kelleway	32
A. P. F. Chapman c Oldfield b Gregory	28
J. W. H. T. Douglas c Collins b A. Richardson	8
Tyldesley c Collins b Gregory	5
Tate b A. Richardson	34
A. E. R. Gilligan not out	17
Strudwick b Hartkopf	4
Extras	12
Total	479

FALL OF WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
285	284	305	375	404	412	418	453	458	479

AUSTRALIA—SECOND INNINGS.

H. L. Collins b Hearne	30
W. Bardsley l.b.w. b Tate	2
A. Richardson b Tate	9
W. H. Ponsford b Tate	4
J. M. Taylor b Tate	90
V. Richardson c Strudwick b Hearne	8
C. Kelleway c and b Hearne	17
A. E. V. Hartkopf l.b.w. b Tate	0
J. M. Gregory no out	36
W. A. Oldfield c.b.w. b Hearne	30
A. A. Mailey b Tate	2
Extras	12
Total	250

FALL OF WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
3	13	27	106	126	166	168	168	239	250

ENGLAND—SECOND INNINGS.

Hobbs l.b.w. b Mailey	22
Sutcliffe c Gregory b Mailey	127
Strudwick l.b.w. b Gregory	22
Hearne l.b.w. b Gregory	23
Woolley l.b.w. b Richardson	30
Hendren b Gregory	18
Tyldesley c Ponsford b Mailey	0
J. W. H. T. Douglas b Mailey	14
A. E. R. Gilligan c and b Mailey	0
Chapman not out	4
Tate b Gregory	9
Extras	10
Total	279

RESULT: Australia win by 81 runs.

FALL OF WICKETS.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
36	75	121	211	254	259	280	280	289	290

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

AUSTRALIA—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tate	45	10	142	5
Douglas	19	0	95	1
Tyldesley	25	6	130	0
Gilligan	26	1	114	3
Hearne	15	1	69	0
Woolley	1	0	26	0

ENGLAND—First Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Gregory	34	4	124	3
Kelleway	30	10	62	1
Mailey	38	8	141	3
Hartkopf	26	1	120	1
A. Richardson	22	6	120	2

AUSTRALIA—Second Innings.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Tate	33.3	8	99	6
Gilligan	11	3	40	0
Tyldesley	3	0	6	0
Hearne	23	6	84	4
Douglas	4	0	9	0

ATTRACTING THE TOURIST.

IRELAND AS A PLEASURE RESORT.

NORMAL CONDITIONS RETURNING.

At a meeting of the West of Ireland Tourist Development Association, presided over by Mr. E. K. Jackson, in the Galway Chamber of Commerce yesterday, it was decided to join with the Central Organisation in Dublin.

Mr. P. O'Maille, T.D., in supporting the proposal to join with the Central Organisation, said he thought that it was possible to make a great deal of money in Ireland out of the tourist. The fact should be blazoned for the information of prospective tourists that conditions in Ireland had considerably altered in the past year. There was a very exaggerated idea abroad about the conditions in the country. Within the past two weeks two wealthy Irish-Americans from the West coast of America expressed themselves anxious to come to Ireland and buy farms and settle down, but they changed their minds at the last moment on receipt of a report that reached them on the Pacific coast that Ireland was not a fit place to live in. These exaggerated reports bruited abroad were doing incalculable damage to the country. They wanted people from the outside to visit Ireland, because in the whole world there was no more beautiful country to travel in. The country was slowly, but surely, coming back to normal, and they could assure strangers that they would receive a most hearty welcome.

There were, no doubt, political differences, but the object of these was to get the people back to constitutional terms. Unfortunately, for some years past, a section of the population was following anything but constitutional means, and men's minds were warped by the happenings of that period. They all wanted progress, but they could not have progress without peace and security in the country, and any movement such as theirs that aimed in the direction of peace and security would have his cordial support.

IRELAND'S HOPE.

That was not a meeting to discuss politics, and he hoped that he would not be accused of introducing politics when he said that the life of Ireland for the next few years depended on having a feeling of security in the country. Every one of them in public life ought to try, as far as he could, to efface the unhappy memories of the past few years. There were honest and sincere men on both sides who desired the welfare of the country. There would be differences in Ireland as there were differences in other countries, but an effort should be made to compose these in a purely constitutional way. It was a great thing to have discussions on differences of opinion, and even as these discussions were carried out in an orderly manner. They could assure all friends who proposed to visit Ireland that the country was fast coming back to normal. Every sane man stood for a normal country, and there was not the slightest danger that any person who desired to visit Ireland would not be received in that kindly, hospitable manner so well known, about the Irish character. With a reversion to normal conditions, and an improvement in the roads, travelling in Ireland would be a very pleasant experience. It would be particularly pleasant in Galway, here they had scenery second to none in the world. The Connemara country was an enchanting land. It boasted little foliage, but its rugged barrenness was a thing of beauty. They wanted to dispel the notion amongst tourists that there was any trouble in the country. Every sane man would strive, as far as he could, to avert trouble.

PEACE AND COMFORT.

I do not, he continued, expect any trouble, and I am sure that no trouble will arise. What the country wants is a period of peace. We have gone through a terribly hard time. There was an artificial prosperity during the war years, and money was plentiful, but at present we are experiencing a period of depression. Money is scarce, and we must try to make the most of circumstances as they exist at the moment. I wish the tourist development movement every success. I think it is a movement that will help to build up the country. We all have ideals, but ideals are of no avail if we are not able to live in peace and comfort, and that is what your Association aims at.

REVENUE RETURN.

DUBLIN CUSTOMS COLLECTION INCREASED.

The gross receipts of Customs and Excise in the Dublin Collection for the years 1923 and 1924 are shown in the following statement. It is important to note that the figures are gross, and take no account of repayments—*e.g.*, by draw-back.

	1924.	1923.
Customs	£6,067,096	£4,734,489
Excise	£13,537,292	£13,815,465
	£19,604,388	£18,549,954

Increase, £1,054,434.

The Belfast figures for 1924, issued a few days ago, were:—Customs, 4,665,515; Excise and local taxation, £2,034,040.

PRINCE OF WALES'S TOUR.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN ARRANGEMENTS.

JOHANNESBURG, January 7.

Arrangements for the tour of the Prince of Wales through the Union of South Africa are being made with the greatest care, in order to ensure that His Royal Highness is not subjected to the ceaseless round of social and sporting functions, which somewhat detracted from the enjoyment of his visits elsewhere.

Presumably as a result of medical advice the tour is being so arranged that the Prince will take a rest for at least forty-eight hours every week, the rest periods being either Saturday and Sunday or Sunday and Monday of each week. The plan is that before visiting a centre His Royal Highness shall arrive two days earlier, remaining outside the centre for a complete rest during that time.

In order that the Prince may indulge in his favourite sports of polo and shooting, he will spend five days in the Sabie game reserve. He will also have an opportunity for sport on Sir Abe Bailey's farm at Colesberg.—(Reuter.)

According to present arrangements the Prince will arrive at Johannesburg on June 22 and will spend three days there, leaving on the night of June 25. This will give His Royal Highness a day more in the Reef than was previously provided for. This extra day has been made possible by cutting out another day from the programme in the Orange Free State and one day in the journey to Messina, in the Northern Transvaal. The Prince will go no further north than Pietersburg, and his tour over the Standerton line has also been abandoned.

M. HELRIOT'S HEALTH.

The state of M. Herriot's health remains excellent, says an Exchange message from Paris. His injured leg is improving rapidly; he was able to walk round his room on Tuesday, and will be present in Parliament on Tuesday next.

NORWEGIAN PRESS AND THE ROYAL FAMILY.

An Exchange message from Christiania says that the *Oslo Dagbladet* lately published several outspoken articles respecting the Norwegian Royal Family. The paper regarded the Crown Prince Olav's proposed visit to Switzerland for the ski sport as improper, and, as an advertisement for Switzerland's winter sports. Now it is announced that the Swiss trip has been given up. The *Dagbladet* also complained of the King and Queen spending the last two Christmases at Sandringham, and of their absence when the name of the capital was changed from Christiania to Oslo.

ALLIED DEBTS.

NOT RAISED IN CONFERENCE.

PARIS INTERVIEWS.

NO CHANCE OF AN EARLY SETTLEMENT.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

PARIS, Wednesday.

IT already appears to-day that, as usual at such international meetings, what is most important in the tasks before the Inter-Allied Finance Conference is to be decided not at the sittings, but in private talks between delegates. The first gathering of the Conference did not take place till three o'clock to-day. It lasted scarcely an hour, and it was adjourned until five o'clock to-morrow.

In the meantime Mr. Churchill has seen M. Herriot and M. Clementel. After the close of the afternoon sitting he talked for some time with Colonel Logan, one of the American delegates, and there have been other conversations.

Mr. Churchill was at the Ministry of Finance promptly at ten this morning. His visit had to do chiefly with inter-Allied debts, which, it is still insisted in a brief *communiqué* issued, did not figure on the agenda of the Conference, and which, moreover, it appears to have been agreed to keep definitely outside its scope. The conversation was private, and I believe that not even secretaries were present.

There is the best authority for saying that it was entirely cordial, and it is the strong impression of the participants that an earnest desire exists on both sides to reach an amicable settlement—not that any solution is expected during the present meeting, or, perhaps, in the near future.

FURTHER TALKS.

There is at present no prospect of a special conference at Brussels or elsewhere in March or at any other time to discuss the question of the debts, and, indeed, whether or not any contrary hope had been entertained before, it is now felt that the question is not yet ripe for such a settlement, even if such a method should ultimately be found suitable.

There may be, I am informed this evening, further talk on the subject between the two Ministers during the week; but it is not expected that anything like a definite solution can be reached or even aimed at.

Particularly useful also, from the point of view of clearing the ground, was Mr. Churchill's conversation late this afternoon with Colonel Logan on the subject of the American claim to participate in the German annuities, etc. That claim is contested by Great Britain, and it is known that, if the difference is not adjusted, it is likely to hamper progress in regard to many other matters on the agenda involving the allocation of payments under the Dawes scheme; and conversely, if an agreement can be reached, the general work of the Conference would be facilitated.

So far no decision has been reached on actual details, but the talk is to be continued, and I learn to-night that the hope is good of reaching a settlement satisfactory both to Great Britain and to the United States and other States concerned.

TANGLE OF QUESTIONS.

The meeting of the Conference this afternoon was, in a large measure, formal.

The delegates were in possession of the report prepared by the experts who have been working in Paris for many weeks past, but was not considered, time being needed by the members to acquaint themselves with its contents. This is why to-morrow's meeting has been fixed for late in the day.

To-day M. Clementel, as Chairman of the Conference, welcomed the delegates in a speech, in which he said hopefully that despite the seeming tangle of questions on the agenda, there were no more than three or four problems which really affected the German payments, and that all the rest were questions of detail, a settlement of which should be easy.

The common desire to arrive at an understanding, and the spirit of solidarity which inspired them, justified the fullest confidence in the favourable issue of the debates, and the happy solution of their task.

ALLIED UNITY.

Mr. Churchill, the British Chancellor of the Exchequer replied on behalf of the Allied delegates. He emphasised a remark of the French Minister's on the limited and technical character of the problem to be studied.

The issues involved, he said, were of minor importance compared with those settled for instance at Spa, or those adjusted by the Dawes report and the London Conference. But the present meeting was important because that report and the conference of August last opened up the prospects of sure and reasonable advances towards a very much better state of things than had existed in Europe since the war.

"The interests of the different Allied Powers," continued Mr. Churchill, "are conflicting. Each of us naturally is bound to present his own country's case, but all of us will remember that we meet as friends and comrades, and that our friendship and comradeship, continuing and indissoluble, are of greater consequence than the exact achievement of our own particular point of view, within the comparatively restricted limits within which our official work is confined.

"Above and beyond the special claim of any Power represented here stands the need for harmony in mood, and for simplicity in method. We cannot leave the principles of the Dawes report and decisions of the London Conference involved in a tangle of inconsistent interpretations of ill-adjusted relationships and priorities.

THE LARGER ISSUES.

"We must endeavour to reach a foundation which will enable the Reparations and other payments made by Germany to be distributed, whatever their amount may be, according to some simple plan based upon mathematical calculations, and raising no issue which should require the summoning of Conferences attended by the Ministerial representatives of the various Powers."

Mr. Churchill, no doubt with his conversation earlier in the day with M. Clementel in mind, remarked in conclusion that much larger issues filled the background, and awaited decisions and agreements, but that they must not complicate the immediate tasks before the Conference.

"We can so handle the business before us," he said, "as to clear the field of minor obstructions, and to create a spirit and atmosphere which will bring a larger solution to the Allies, to all Europe, and to the world."

COUNTRY OF SMALL FORTUNES.

FRENCH INCOME TAX RETURNS.

PARIS, Wednesday.

France is a country of small and medium fortunes, according to the income tax statistics just issued.

More than a third of the French taxpayers during 1923, had incomes under 20,000 francs, while 20,000 had incomes between 100,000 francs and 500,000 francs. Only 216 are recorded with incomes above 1,000,000 francs.

THE POUND NEARS PARITY.

NEW HIGH RECORD YESTERDAY.

FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday.

After the hesitation which developed on Monday owing to selling orders, the pound again strengthened against dollars this afternoon, and the final quotation was 4.77⅛, which is the highest post-war closing rate yet recorded.

Not without good reasons, a great many Americans of distinction are now writing and speaking of Great Britain's prospects in trade with unbounded optimism, and expressing admiration of our financial methods. All America seems from its newspapers to be "bullish" about sterling.

A good deal of the buying, which is adding to the strength of the pound, is coming from the United States. There the financial Press appears to have made up its mind that we are to be restored to parity, and ultimately to the gold standard, as a result of the visit of the Governor of the Bank of England.

The problem, however, is not one that can be settled by optimism, or by a temporary flow of American surpluses to London, and we shall require to wait to see what is the policy of our own authorities.

Meantime the praise of our financial methods in arranging our debt to the United States may be written with an eye on Paris, and the Inter-Allied debt question. The best signs for sterling's future are those to be seen in the greater confidence of our own industrialists in the trade outlook.

ARMY AND NAVY FOR SALE.

DANISH WAR STORES FOR HIGHEST BIDDER.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday.

If the Danish Disarmament Bill is passed, as expected, next month, Denmark's present army and navy will be out of a job.

"We will sell our army and navy to the best foreign bidder," declared the Danish Minister of Defence to-day, in the course of an interview. The Minister stated that the Greek Government has already made inquiries regarding the disposal of the army and navy equipment and material, and its probable cost by purchase.

DANISH BARLEY SHIP'S PLIGHT.

RESCUED BY HULL TRAWLER.

The small Danish steam cargo boat Niel, when on a voyage to Burghead with barley, ran short of coal and drifted helplessly for three days, with a heavy list to port, before being picked up by a Hull trawler and towed into Aberdeen. The vessel left Nykobing on December 25 and ran into wild weather while off the Skagar Rack. Four days later a hurricane sprang up, and the captain gave orders to make for the nearest port. When she was fifty miles from Aberdeen the coal ran short and she began to drift.

On the second day of drifting the cargo shifted, giving the vessel a dangerous list to port. The decks were continuously awash, the cabins on the port side were flooded, and the vessel threatened every minute to overturn. In the early hours of the third day the Hull trawler Youle was attracted by flares on the Niel. The trawler took the vessel in tow, and after three days' work, during which the rope attaching the vessels snapped six times, they both arrived at Aberdeen on Tuesday night.

BATTLE OF JUTLAND CONTROVERSY.

VIEWS OF BRITISH ADMIRAL.

FREMANTLE, Wednesday.

Admiral Heard, who has arrived here on board the Osterley for a holiday in Australia, commenting on Admiral Bacon's strictures on Lord Beatty in his recent book on the Battle of Jutland, said that he himself was with the Fleet at the Battle of Jutland, and that he did not agree with the statements blaming Lord Beatty for the enemy's successful flight.

The fighting line was twenty miles long, and it was impossible for Lord Beatty to convey more information than he had wireless to Lord Jellicoe respecting the movements of the Germans. It was only guesswork to say what course the Germans were steering.—(Reuter.)

MOSCOW BANS SHAVIAN PLAY.

REPRISAL FOR OUTSPOKEN CRITICISM.

The performance of Mr. Bernard Shaw's play "St. Joan" has been stopped in Moscow by order of the Soviet Theatrical Censorship.

This is intended as a reprisal for Mr. Shaw's criticism of the Moscow Government. In an article sent to the *Isvestia*, but not published in full, save in England, Mr. Shaw told M. Zinovieff that he must "choose between statesmanship and kinematographic schoolboy nonsense," and said that modern Socialism had left Karl Marx as far behind as modern science has Moses."

Mr. Shaw particularly scorn on "the proposition that the world should take its orders from a handful of Russian novices who seem to have gained their knowledge of Socialism by sitting over the drawingroom stove and reading the pamphlets of the Fabian revolutionists of 1848-70," and he ended by warning the Soviet that if it did not throw over the Third International and "wake up to realities" it would become "the main bulwark of Capitalist Imperialism in Europe and America."

POLITICIANS' HAPPY LAND.

PRISONS FULL OF THEM.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

BELGRADE, Wednesday.

The Pachich Government is continuing its drastic pursuit of the Opposition Parties throughout Jugo-Slavia.

The number of politicians at present imprisoned is estimated at many hundreds. 300 Croatian supporters were arrested in the Sevenico district alone, and several hundred, in addition, are under police supervision at their homes. The Police Prefect of the city of Slatina, in Macedonia, has interned a large number of people, and has prohibited all meetings.

DUTCH STEAMER AGROUND.

GIBRALTAR, Wednesday.

The Royal Netherlands Steamship Company's steamer, Mercurius, 2,863 tons, is aground in a dangerous position on the Pearl Rock, off the Spanish shore, opposite Gibraltar. Tugs have gone to its assistance.—(Reuter.)

THE SHANNON SCHEME.

PUBLICATION NEXT MONTH.

REASSEMBLING OF DAIL.

THE BY-ELECTIONS.

FROM OUR POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT.

A few days after the Dail re-assembles on 3rd February the text of the German scheme for the development of the Shannon, with the report of the four Continental experts thereon, will be submitted to the House by the Minister for Industry and Commerce. A summary of the experts' findings has already been published.

The findings of the experts were reported to the Government in the German language, and for some time past the Ministry of Industry and Commerce has had a special staff engaged in translating the report into English. When this task has been completed the English translation will be forwarded to the experts for their inspection, and as soon as possible afterwards it will be published. The report runs into hundreds of typewritten pages.

For several reasons the approaching meeting of the House is awaited with more than ordinary interest. Apart from the purely legislative programme of the session—which should be of sufficient importance to claim the undivided attention of all parties in the Dail—there are grievances to be publicly aired by a small section of the Government's own party. It may be that Messrs. Padraig O Maille and C. M. Byrne will find that the time is ripe for the formation of a new group, made up of a further batch of secessionists from the Ministerial ranks. Nobody believes, however, that the next two or three months will witness a great disruption of the Government Party.

There is no doubt that the internal bickerings and dissensions of the Ministerial organisation will find an echo at Leinster House in the coming month, but when all the talk—whether within or outside the Chamber—is over and done with, the Government probably will be in a better position than it occupies to-day.

While some Ministerial deputies are making up their minds on the question of resigning or seceding, and while a Boundary Commission is endeavouring to delimit the frontiers of the Free State, the electors of nine constituencies will be engaged in the task of selecting men who might reasonably be relied upon to take and keep their seats at Leinster House. The writs for the nine elections will be moved before February 15, and the returns may be expected to be forthcoming early in the following month.

In view of the resignation of Mr. McGrath's party and the results of the recent by-elections, it is not uninteresting to make a comparison between the Dail as it is constituted to-day and the Dail as it was a year ago. After the 1923 election the state of the different parties was as under:—

Cumann na nGaedheal	63
Republican	44
Labour	15
Farmers	15
Independents	13

Since then the resignation of the nine members comprising Mr. McGrath's party, coupled with the secession of Mr. Osmond Esmonde, has reduced the numerical strength of the Government Party to fifty-three members. The Republican Party, on the other hand, has increased its Parliamentary representation by two seats, both of which were gained in the by-elections last November. To-day, then, the Government finds itself with a majority of only seven over the Republican Party. If the members of the latter party should decide to go into the Dail, say, next month, the Government would find itself dependent for a working majority on the good-will of the Farmers and Independents. Nine seats have yet to be filled. It is quite improbable that more than three of these will go to the Republican Party. In that event the end of March will find the Dail to be constituted as under:—Government, 58; Republicans, 49; Labour, 15; Farmers, 15; Independents, 13.

No allowance is made in these figures for possible further secessions from the Government ranks, but to both the Farmers' Party and the Labour Party gains are given in the approaching by-elections. The total membership of the Dail is 152.

PLEA FOR UNITY.

At a meeting of the Constituency Committee, Meath Cumann na nGaedheal, held in Navan yesterday, the resolution from Wicklow demanding withdrawal from the Executive of the Cumann na nGaedheal, etc., was read, and consideration of it was postponed to a future meeting.

The following resolution was passed:—"That we, the Constituency Committee of County Meath, are strongly of the opinion that the best interests of our country can only be served by a united organisation acting in harmony; and we call upon the Cumann na nGaedheal Party to at once close up the ranks and act as a united body in carrying on the policy of Griffith and Collins, and thereby assuring the complete independence of Ireland."

RHINELAND PESSIMISM.

FRENCH REACTIONARIES BLAMED.

FROM THE TIMES CORRESPONDENT.

COLOGNE, Tuesday.

The publication of the Ambassador's Note informing the German Government that the Cologne zone would not be evacuated on January 10, has caused a wave of pessimism in the Rhineland. A prominent person in Cologne complained to me that Great Britain had failed to grasp the great opportunity afforded her of aiding the work of reconciliation in Europe by taking the most important step of all towards effecting Germany's moral disarmament, and, as he put it, "insisting on compliance with the Treaty."

Once again, it is contended, proof has been given that the final arbiter of Germany's fate is not Great Britain nor the French people, but the reactionary elements in France. M. Herriot is still, in some quarters, given credit for good intentions, but it is considered that in yielding to reaction he has proved himself so frail a reed that no further reliance can be placed by the Rhineland on his influence over French policy. His early fall is anticipated.

It seems certain that the official attitude here will be that from January 11 onwards Great Britain will be in illegal occupation of Cologne; but that, after a formal protest against this, the local authorities will have to bow to superior force, and furnish supplies and services, as in the past, with a mental reservation that they do so under illegal pressure, instead of as before, in fulfilment of an agreement.

Only in minor matters is this likely to react on the relations between the British military and German civil authorities in the Rhineland. The real effect must be looked for in a reawakened political distrust of the Allies, in the re-creation of the atmosphere of strife in the Rhineland, and in considerable hostility on the part of big individual interests, the leading spirits of which are now inspired with extreme bitterness.

MOTION PICTURES FOR THE BLIND.

NEW YORK (By Mail).

Twelve hundred blind men, women and children sat in a darkened theatre to-day, and "saw" their first motion picture. The reading of an atmospheric narrative, with a rhythmic arrangement, together with special music, enabled the audience to conceive the story as it was unfolded on the screen. The hero of the screen story was a blind lighthouse keeper. The company which produced it intends to make other pictures, which will be arranged specially for blind audiences.—(Reuter.)

MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND STATESMEN.

Presiding last night at a lecture in the Wesleyan Church, Godalming, Mr. Lloyd George said that those who aroused and sustained the moral sentiments of the people dominated the statesmanship of the race. The statesman came in second; he was an interpreter.

LATE NEWS.

THE APPEAL FOR ST. PAUL'S.

LONDON'S CATHEDRAL CHURCH.

The Times observes in a leading article:—The Dean and Chapter of St. Paul's have issued an appeal for the funds necessary to carry out repairs which are declared to be essential for the preservation of the Cathedral Church of the City of London. We cannot doubt that it will meet with a large and immediate response. The service of formal notice upon the Cathedral authorities that St. Paul's is a "dangerous structure" within the meaning of the Building Acts, and of a summons to them to proceed immediately with the execution of the works therein specified, will, doubtless, appeal to the imagination of the public, and bring home to them more vividly than any reports or discussions the reality and the imminence of dangers which have often been described.

It is, indeed, a great work—one of the greatest of its kind to have come from the hand of man, adds *The Times*, referring to the Cathedral. It enters into all the history of our race since it was reared not less intimately than the Abbey, if with a difference in some respects. It enters into all that history for long centuries before as the successor of the old St. Paul's, which was the glory and the pride of Mediæval London. It is in a special manner the burial place of our most renowned warriors and champions by sea and by land. The church where Nelson and Wellington have their graves, and where so many of their famed comrades and lieutenants sleep with them, must ever be particularly sacred to the race for which they lived, and for which many of them died. Beside the glorious fighting men repose their countrymen great in art, in letters, and in science. There is the monument of Colet, there is Reynolds, there is Wren himself, "*Si monumentum requiris circumspice.*" It is a monument of a race, a monument on which every member of the race may gaze with pride that he is of the blood and that he inherits the traditions and the principles of the great dead, who have made us what we are.

In response to the appeal for the preservation of this threatened Cathedral of London, *The Times*, written and produced so near its hallowed walls, has decided to start the necessary fund with a contribution, to receive and hand over to the Dean and Chapter any further donations, and to acknowledge their receipt in its columns from day to day.

THE FRENCH IN MOROCCO.

CONTENTED NATIVES.

The Times Moroccan Correspondent states in a message from Fez on Tuesday:—At the invitation of General Colombat, Commanding the Fez district, and under the guidance of Colonel Noguès, Commanding the Northern front of the district, I was able yesterday to visit the French lines on the Upper Wergha River, on the frontier of the Spanish zone.

This front is reached by a metalled road over sixty miles in length running almost due north from Fez. The road is already almost completed throughout the whole length, and is open to military motor traffic. Squads of workmen are being employed to enable its completion in a month's time. The rivers are already bridged. The country passed through is mountainous, but well cultivated. The River Wergha was reached about fifty miles north of Fez, flowing through a wide valley of very rich soil and forming one of the most prosperous regions in Morocco.

Up till last May the French had not occupied any territory north of the Wergha, their advanced line being on the south bank of that river. But Abdel Krim, the Riff leader, had occupied the northern bank, although it is situated well within the limits of the French Protectorate, and the presence of his forces caused constant annoyance and some danger to the French positions. It was essential that an advance should be made in order to remove this constant menace. Abdel Krim's extortions rendered the inhabitants ready to accept the French occupation, and when in May, 1923, two columns advanced and occupied the summits of the mountains on the north side of the Wergha River not a shot was fired by the local population. The French troops were guided and welcomed by these people, who remain loyal. Freed from Abdel Krim's oppression, they are cultivating their rich lands in peace and prosperity.

PROHIBITION LAWS IN AMERICA.

THEIR LAX ENFORCEMENT.

A concerted movement among leading citizens against the widespread violations of the Volstead Act and the lax administration of the prohibition laws was started last night in New York at a dinner of the Committee of One Thousand For Law Enforcement, telegraphed *The Times* New York Correspondent last night. Over 500 business and religious leaders pledged their support for stricter enforcement.

Alarm at the growing contempt for the law and the threatened undermining of the whole system of constitutional government caused the formation of this organisation. A resolution, which was adopted for presentation to President Coolidge, declared that the present evasions were intolerable, and promised to support him in his efforts to remove from the Federal Service all attorneys and prohibition agents who neglect their enforcement duties.

CHURCH TREASURES IN A BELFRY.

SOVIET'S TREATMENT OF MONKS CAUSES REVOLT.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

RIGA, Wednesday.

Revolting peasants have burned Government buildings in several small centres of the Kiev and Harkov districts, and murdered local Communist officials, according to reports in the Moscow papers which have just arrived here.

The garrisons of both cities have the revolt under control, says the *Moscow Isvestia*, the military authorities having arrested more than 300 rich peasants—those possessing more than one horse—who are accused of plotting against the Communist Government.

The revolt followed the arrest at Kiev of thirty monks of the Pecherski Monastery, Kiev, after Cheka spies had discovered a collection of Church treasures, worth 600,000 gold roubles, which the priests had hidden in the belfry of the monastery.

According to these Moscow reports the Cheka agents confiscated 360 large diamonds, a large number of chalices, jewel-studded ikons and images, and also a large collection of gold and silver plate, used in the festival Services. For attempting to evade the Soviet Government's decree of 1921, confiscating Church treasures in Russia, the Pecherski monks were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment and hard labour. A few days ago they were sent to join another squad of prisoners, who were repairing roads in the vicinity of Kiev. The local peasants, seeing casseckred figures being forced to work on the roads under armed Chekists, sallied forth and murdered as many of the local Communists as they could find, burning all the Soviet Government buildings.

NEW MOTOR RECORD.

MISHAP TO WELL-KNOWN RACER.

PARIS, Wednesday.

The famous racing motorist, Pierre de Viscaya, while endeavouring last night to break a twenty-four-hour record on the Montlhery track, capsized (after racing for 10 hours 15 minutes) while travelling at a speed of 143 kilometres per hour, as the result of the bursting of a back tyre. The motorist was virtually unhurt. Before the accident he had already beaten the following records:—The 1,000 kilometres in 7 hrs. 38 mins. 25 4-5 secs., the 900 kilometres in 6 hrs. 47 mins. 24 4-5 secs., the 1,100 kilometres in 8 hrs. 34 mins. 16 4-5 secs., the 1,200 kilometres in 9 hrs. 0 mins. 3 3-5 secs., the 1,300 kilometres in 9 hrs. 53 mins. 57 secs., and the 500 miles in 6 hrs. 4 mins. 49 4-5 secs.—(Reuter.)

CENSORSHIP IN ITALY.

UNREST SPREADS.

IMPORTANT STATE PAPERS MISSING.

MORE SEARCHES.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.

ROME, Wednesday.

General unrest and rioting appear to be spreading throughout Italy. Though a few of the Opposition newspapers are still operating, none dares publish the news of these outbreaks. At Venice the police have had considerable difficulty in suppressing the Fascisti attacks against the Opposition organisations. The police authorities here in Rome, Milan, Carrara, Ferrara and Florence are suppressing the outbreaks with the utmost energy, but in numerous other towns complaints are made that the police are only active when attacks are being made against members of the Fascisti.

House-searchings are continuing throughout the country, and in all anti-Fascisti clubs and organisations, most of which have been closed, and are now closely guarded.

Political circles here believe that Signor Mussolini will certainly proclaim that the immunity of Parliamentary members shall be ended within the next two or three days, and it is then expected that many Opposition members may then be arrested. In other quarters it is believed that Signor Mussolini will dissolve the Chamber and order new elections, thereby gaining time for the building of his new Cabinet and the arranging of his political campaign. The Premier, however, refuses to divulge any information which would answer either of these two assumptions.

The Communists, who have been afraid to show themselves during the reign of Signor Mussolini, appear to be venturing forth again, and becoming involved in attacks against the Fascisti organisations, but up to the moment they have not met with much success as the police, who are solid behind the Dictator, quickly suppress their movements.

Vatican circles are apparently doing their utmost to help to get the political tangle solved, as the general unrest is greatly affecting the pilgrimage to Rome for the Holy Year celebrations. It is reported that many foreign visitors who earlier booked reservations here have cancelled their trips, while others are cutting short their visit.

The Rome police are particularly active in trying to discover how the recent Rossi memorandum, in which remarkable charges were made against Signor Mussolini, fell into the hands of the newspaper correspondents.

Several arrests of representatives of foreign newspapers have been made—one yesterday was detained for nine hours and subjected to a severe examination in an attempt to force him to disclose the sources of his information. Apparently there is a very extensive search being made for the individual or organisation instrumental in making Rossi's remarkable document public.

It appears that in addition to the Rossi papers other important documents are missing, and while they are as yet unpublished their contents are of such a nature that they would severely compromise the Government in general, and Signor Mussolini in particular. Already strong representations have been made to the Italian Ministry of the Interior against unwarranted arrests of foreign and local newspaper men.

ELECTIONS TO BE HELD.

Later.

At the conclusion of a Cabinet meeting to-night it was announced officially that, following the passage of the new Electoral Bill, Parliament would be dissolved and new elections would take place probably in March.

This decision has caused great surprise,

FARMERS' LOSSES IN THE FLOODS.

GREAT MORTALITY AMONG SHEEP.

DESTRUCTIVE SHANNON FLOODS.

The disease known as fluke is working great havoc among flocks and herds in the County Clare, and is one of the gravest consequences of the constant rains and floods with which the farmer has been afflicted. Sheep are dying wholesale, and the stocks of young cattle are being decimated.

When interviewed on the subject, a number of leading farmers in the south-western portion of the County Clare showed themselves seriously concerned as to the prospects of the store cattle trade.

"Young cattle, from six to eighteen months, are dying all over the peninsula," they said. This was the greatest district for the store cattle trade, and about 4,000 were sent annually out of West Clare. There will not be as many hundreds next season if this terrible scourge of the fluke continues."

Carcases of young cattle are being found in dozens along the sea shore in certain districts of the West. The destruction of sheep by fluke is very serious. Even in West Clare, which is only to a small extent concerned with sheep-raising, the losses have been alarming. A similar visitation has not been experienced for forty years.

One farmer in the Doonbeg district has lost thirty sheep. Another person bought twelve sheep recently in Ennis. At the time of the purchase one animal seemed to be affected, and the prospective buyer drew attention to its condition. The vendor said that if it died, or if the whole lot died, he would refund the price paid. All have now died, and the unfortunate vendor has repaid the purchaser £45.

Asked as to the utility of "cures" given in the daily Press by farmers from other parts of the country, the West Clare farmers say that they tried them all without effect. In their opinion, there was no hope unless the rains stopped. When the fleeces were constantly wet, there was no chance of saving the sheep from the dread affliction.

DESTRUCTIVE SHANNON FLOODS.

There was a slight subsidence in the floods at Panagher yesterday. Navigation is being carried on to a limited extent, but at great risk.

The Lower Bronns, which enters the Shannon at Shannon Harbour, has inundated the whole countryside from Tullamore to the Shannon. This river is fourteen feet above the normal level at Belmont Mills. Large quantities of agricultural produce and carcases of animals are washed down the stream. Several families living near the Upper Bronns, which enters the Shannon at Meelick, five miles south of Banagher, have been forced to leave their houses. In this district on Tuesday the corpse of an old woman was being "waked" when the floods invaded the house. The corpse had to be carried through the water yesterday to be buried. When the cemetery near Rathcabbin was reached it was found that the grave was full of water.

The floods have invaded the old Franciscan Abbey grounds and cemetery at Meelick, and some of the graves are under water. The Grand Canal section between the Shannon and Ballinasloe has overflown its banks at different points, rendering navigation very dangerous. A vast tract of the low-lying district of Clonfert, from the Cathedral to the confluence of the Suck and the Shannon, is submerged.

Even with a continued spell of fine weather it will be about or seven weeks before the people who have had to leave can return to their water-soaked homes. Almost all their winter store of crops is lost.

PUBLICANS CONFER.

LIQUOR BILL DENOUNCED.

At a special meeting of the Committee of the Licensed Grocers' and Vintners' Protection Association, held in Dublin on Tuesday, arrangements were made for the election of Committee for the year 1925.

The Secretary explained that the election, which has always been conducted on the first fortnight of December, had to be postponed owing to the dispute with the assistants' union then in progress.

It was decided to follow the practice of recent years—namely, that the election be based on a system of nomination on the basis of proportional representation to each of the old eleven Parliamentary divisions of the City and County Dublin.

Green Division will be entitled to eight representatives, the Harbour Division to seven, St. Stephen's Green six, St. Patrick's four, St. James's three, St. Michan's three, Pembroke two, Rathmines two, South Dublin two, North Dublin two, and Clontarf one. Tuesday next, the 13th inst., will be nomination day. Nomination papers, which can be had in the offices, must be handed in on that day between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Mr. L. Murphy, Chairman, presided at the annual meeting of the County Wicklow branch of the Licensed Grocers' Association of Ireland at Rathdrum, when a resolution was passed, on the motion of Mr. P. Phelan, "repudiating the present Liquor Bill, as it was quite uncalled for by the public; as it was legislation in advance of public opinion; is not suitable to the immediate circumstances of the country, financially or otherwise; hampers the development of tourist traffic; interferes with the liberty of the subject; is penal in its application, and a menace to the confiscation of the vested interests of the licensed trade."

Another resolution passed stated that they "considered, having read the speeches and views of the Government Party and other T.D.'s in the debates on the new Liquor Bill, the licensed trade had been harshly dealt with, and that the association promote the candidature of business men who would not neglect the interests of the trade."

RATHMINES URBAN COUNCIL.

CONDITION OF KIMMAGE HOUSES.

Mr. William Ireland presided at a meeting of Rathmines Urban Council yesterday.

Mr. J. O'Reilly raised the question of the Council's new houses at Kimmage, which, he said, were in a very damp condition. He had seen some of them himself, and the walls were letting in rain, while water was coming in under the doors. Weather boards were urgently required.

The Chairman read a letter from Mr. Thomas Kearns, Kimmage, complaining that his daughter had to sleep in a cold, damp room, and that the rain was coming down on the bed. When the wind blew from the south-west it seemed to raise the slates and ridge tiles and allow the rain in. The dampness made its appearance in large shaped circles on his own bedroom ceiling, and his wife was kept busy mopping the hall where the rain came in under the door. If the roof was not seen to quickly the ceiling would come down.

Mrs. Kettle said that many complaints were received about these houses. If the houses were damp it was the fault either of the architect or of the builder, and whoever was responsible should be made rectify it.

Mr. Sibthorpe, Chairman of the Housing Committee, said that it was extraordinary that tenants seemed to prefer to have these matters aired at a Council meeting, where nothing could be done, to communicating with the Housing Committee direct.

Mr. M. J. O'Reilly said it appeared to him that this housing scheme was a grave scandal; that some blunders had been made, and that the Council and the ratepayers had not been treated fairly. He thought that an inquiry should be held into the whole question and the responsibility fixed.

After further discussion the matter was referred to the Housing Committee.

Mr. M. J. O'Reilly gave notice for the next meeting that he would move that the Public Health Committee consist of twelve members.

TASMANIAN WOOL SALES.

LAUNCESTON, Wednesday.

At to-day's wool sales 13,265 bales were offered. There was keen competition, Bradford, America and the Continent operating freely at highest prices. Merinos 46½d., super-combings 47½d., combhacks 45d. Coarse lots sold very well. There were numerous withdrawals, but these lots very subsequently sold.

FLOODS & STORMS.

FORTY INCHES OF RAIN IN A DAY.

The stormy and inclement weather that followed the Christmas festivities and characterised the last days of the old year and the beginning of another, will probably be not quickly forgotten. Flooding has been almost universal over the British Isles, not to mention other parts, owing to excessive or persistent rainfalls.

In some places, especially in Dublin, abnormally high tides have added to the tale of havoc by invading houses and rendering their occupants homeless. This invasion of the sea was due to the unusually high spring tides that followed the phase of new moon on December 26. Our satellite was in perigee at almost exactly the same time, and was consequently some ten or twelve thousand miles nearer the earth than ordinarily, her mean distance being nearly 240,000 miles. Now, the tide raising force of the moon varies inversely as the cube of her distance from the centre of the earth, and, therefore, excessive spring tides result if the moon happens to be in perigee on the same day that she is "new" or "full." If atmospheric disturbances synchronise with such a coincidence, the disastrous effects of the tidal overflow may be greatly aggravated.

The recent inundations produced in country districts by swollen rivers overspreading their natural barriers have resulted from persistent rains lasting several days, and not exceptionally heavy, rather than from these excessive downpours of a few hours' duration that sometimes accompany violent thunderstorms, when the amount of water registered by a rain gauge in an hour or two might indicate what would be considered a very heavy rainfall for a whole day. Two or three inches have thus been recorded. Rainfalls exceeding three inches for a period of twenty-four hours are fortunately comparatively rare over the British Isles, though instances are not wanting where five, six, and even seven inches of rain have been recorded in one day.

These figures have often been far exceeded in foreign and tropical climates. In February, 1893, there were tremendous rainstorms in Queensland, Australia, which were supposed to have broken all records, the amount registered during the twenty-hour hours ending at 9 a.m. on February 3 being 35.714 in., and as if this were not enough there were remarkable falls similarly for February 2 and 4, exceeding 10.20 and 10 inches, respectively. But though the greatest fall of over 35 in. was thought by the Government Meteorologist of Queensland at the time to "have beaten the world's record," it was shown to be not entitled to this distinction, the highest record extant belonging to Chicapunji, in the Khasia Hills, India, where, on June 14, 1876, 40.8 in. were recorded in the space of 24 hours, and a total fall from June 12th to the 15th, inclusive of that month, was as much as 102 inches. Chitrapunji, indeed, possesses the unenviable distinction of being the rainiest spot on the face of the globe, the annual rainfall being about 40ft., or twelve times the yearly total recorded in most parts of Ireland.

It is curious that places visited by such torrential downpours are at times sorely afflicted by periods of excessive drought. To guard against the blighting effects of the latter artesian borings and methods of irrigation in Queensland have been developed on an extensive scale.

In the present season Great Britain and Ireland have, no doubt, experienced more than their usual proportion of storms and floods, and more interest and attention have necessarily been excited in these phenomena than if they occurred in distant regions. Nature shows herself at times in even more terrible aspects in foreign climes, and the cyclone, the tornado and the earthquake scourge mankind.

HOW TO ADVERTISE EFFECTIVELY.

EXPERT'S ADVICE TO SALESMEN.

Advertising as the key to progress in the business of the retail store, said Mr. H. L. Hardwick, a well-known publicity expert, at a gathering of the Manchester Publicity Club. Informal salesmanship should dovetail in with publicity. Mr. Hardwick thought that 2 per cent. of a year's takings should be appropriated to publicity on the results of the trading.

It was the well-considered opinion of all retail advertisers that first and foremost of the media must come newspapers. As to the employment of illustrations, the art work of many stores was done at a high cost, but it was not economy to get cheap art. All the cost ought not to be charged to departments, and much of the value of sound advertising was to get customers to the stores. And the main thing then was to satisfy and to promote the comfort of the customer. That was how big businesses had been built up. He advised a close watch upon the advertisements of competitors; not to copy them, but to know what the competitors were doing or going to do.

In considering the character of the advertisement, whatever might be the views of buyers or salesmen, the publicity man had to see the store through the eyes of the public. In many stores the sales manager and the advertising manager were the same person. Mr. Hardwick attached great value also to the frequent conferences, perhaps daily, between the other managers and the publicity manager.

Each advertisement was not to be regarded as intended to pay for itself. What was to be aimed at in advertising was the cumulative effect.

THE OPIUM CONFERENCE.

LORD SALISBURY PREVENTED FROM ATTENDING.

Reuter's Agency learns that the Opium Conference, which meets at Geneva on Monday next, January 12, will resume the discussion of the following American motion:—"Each contracting party in whose territory the use of prepared opium is now temporarily permitted agrees to reduce its imports of raw opium for the purpose of making prepared opium by ten per cent. of its present importation each year, for a period of ten years, beginning with the date of the ratification of this convention by it, and not to supplement the reduction by domestically-produced opium; and further agrees that at the end of such period of ten years it will prohibit the importation of raw opium for the purpose of making prepared opium."

This motion was first brought before the Conference on December 12, and a very heated discussion followed over a number of days. Finally, on December 18 the Conference decided to adjourn in order to enable the various delegations to receive further instructions from their respective Governments. The attitude adopted by the principal Power, who objected to the proposal being considered by the second Conference, was that the question of opium-smoking and importation in the Far East had already been settled by the first Conference, and, therefore, the second Conference had no right to intervene.

It is now generally admitted that the draft agreement dealing with the Far East, which was elaborated by the first Conference, is practically useless.

The Conference will also have to consider the reports of the six sub-committees which have been continuing their work during the adjournment of the Conference. These reports deal in detail with all the various proposals brought before the Conference for the limitation of narcotics to medical and scientific needs.

ACCIDENT TO LORD SALISBURY.

It was officially announced last evening that the British Government has appointed the Marquis of Salisbury as special delegate for Great Britain to the Conference. Sir Malcolm Delevingne will again proceed to Geneva as British delegate. It was subsequently announced that Lord Salisbury had met with an accident while riding, and it was thought that he would be unable to attend the Conference.

The Press Association Correspondent says that Lord Salisbury joined a meet of Major Smith-Rossanquet's hounds at Hatfield House, and after riding some distance was thrown in taking a jump near Woodfield. His lordship sustained some cuts on the forehead and face, and concussion. He was immediately taken to Hatfield House, where he regained consciousness during the afternoon. Though much shaken, he is making favourable progress, but will have to be kept quiet for a few days.

Education is no longer a ritual; it is a glorious adventure.—Dr. Lucy Wilson.

ALLIES' HOLD ON COLOGNE.

GERMANY'S NOTE OF PROTEST.

DISARMED TO POINT OF IMPOTENCE.

BERLIN, Wednesday.

The German reply to the Allied Note regarding the evacuation of the Cologne zone is published to-night. The German Note protests against the action of the Allies, and points out that the occupation, lasting many years, of large German districts was one of the hardest stipulations of the Versailles Treaty, which was without parallel in the last centuries. Measures of such a kind, the Note declares, could never promote peaceful collaboration among the nations, and the Allies could not be in doubt as to the significance of their step and the seriousness of the situation created thereby.

The Note demands the communication at the earliest possible moment of the detailed reproaches made by the Allies, stating that the present method of the Allies prevents the German Government from refuting these reproaches.

To give as a reason for the failure to evacuate the alleged *status* of German disarmament is, the Note continues, inadmissible in the opinion of the German Government. The Allied Governments could claim the right to postpone the evacuation only if Germany were guilty of failures whose importance corresponded to the exceptional hardship of extension of the occupation. In handling international agreements, it is a fundamental law that there should exist evident proportion between the failure to fulfil individual provisions of a Treaty and the consequences drawn therefrom. The German Government insists that Germany is disarmed so completely as no longer to be a military factor in European affairs, and, in view of these clear facts, it is contended that the Allies cannot draw from details of the disarmament question the right to carry out reprisals against Germany.

The Note further points out that the Versailles Treaty is the result of one-sided dictation, not of mutual agreement, which in all respects places upon Germany gigantic burdens. It is, therefore, inevitable that there should be differences of opinion over the execution of the Treaty provisions which, however, cannot be interpreted as meaning a lack of loyalty *vis-a-vis* the Treaty on the part of Germany.

Proper understanding of the points in dispute can only be achieved by mutual agreement, the Note adds. In conclusion, it states that if the Allied Governments insist on further dealing with the question of execution as well as of disarmament, would be guided by the spirit shown at the London Conference, which was favourable to come to a speedy settlement of the conflict created by the action of the Allies.

GERMAN CRUISER LAUNCHED.

THE NEW EMDEN

The new German light cruiser Emden was launched at Wilhelmshaven to-day. Representatives of the German and British Governments were present.

Vice-Admiral Zenker, the Naval Commander-in-Chief, who presided over the ceremony, said they cherished the name in memory of the first cruiser Emden and its captain, Carl von Müller, who had won unstinted recognition from the enemies of Germany in the war for his chivalrous and heroic conduct.

After this the widow of Captain von Müller performed the naming by breaking a bottle of champagne on the vessel's side. A few minutes later the Emden came down the slipway and took the water.

It is expected that when completed she will be put into commission for foreign cruises. Her displacement is 6,000 tons. She is armed with ten 15-centimetre guns amidships, and is being constructed in part fulfilment of the Peace Treaty naval programme.—(*The Times* Correspondent.)

CHEQUES AND FALSE PRETENCES.

A PLAUSIBLE IMPOSTER.

Described by the detective as a plausible imposter, who spent his time defrauding tradesmen and hotel proprietors, Henry Ludlow, aged 23, student, of Richmond, was sentenced at Surrey Quarter Sessions yesterday to fifteen months' imprisonment with hard labour, and three years' police supervision, for obtaining money on cheques by false pretences.

A Pensions Ministry official said that the defendant's original pension was £210, but for a year it had not been paid, because he could not be traced. He was allowed a pension of £94 from 2nd January, and, appealing, he was sent forms to complete, but they had not been returned.

The defendant, in the witness-box, complained of his treatment by the Ministry of Pensions, and said that he had issued 1,371 cheques to draw attention to his case; but he had not defrauded anyone, as all the money had been repaid. He had been convicted three times for issuing cheques, and had served his sentences in hospital.

Defendant claimed to be a relative of Lord Ludlow.

Prosecuting counsel stated that defendant started issuing bogus cheques long before he could have had any grievance. Posing as the Hon. Arthur Ludlow, he met Lord Frederick Hamilton at Bournemouth, and forged an acceptance of a promissory note in his name.

Defendant said that he would appeal.

LUCKY SPANIARD.

WON LOTTERY PRIZE AND FOUND A PEARL.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
MADRID.

Senor Angel Herrero, who gained the second prize on a Christmas lottery, got his money paid out to him, and proceeded to the nearest bar to "celebrate." It happened to be an oyster bar, so he ordered some oysters.

The first one that he ate contained a large pearl. He went out and sold the pearl on the spot to a dealer for 3,000 pesetas, then went back to finish his meal, satisfied that he had had a good day.

The news got abroad, and the bar was soon overflowing with customers, intent on sampling the pearls that the oysters were presumed to contain. They ate up all the host's oysters, but found no pearls. This appeared to them a manifest injustice, so they proceeded to wreck the bar.

"AMHRAIN OIL."

LECTURE BY DR. DOUGLAS HYDE.

"Amhrain Oil" or "Drinking Songs," was the title of a lecture in Irish delivered by Dr. Douglas Hyde to a large audience at 25 Parnell square, Dublin, last night.

The lecturer said that the oldest drink known to us was the cuirm, a kind of ale that was known three centuries B.C. It was made from yarrow and other herbs. Then wine came in, apparently from France. Whiskey was not used in Ireland until probably the thirteenth century.

Dr. Hyde emphasised the fact that it was not with the intention of praising any drinking custom that he selected the subject of his lecture, but that the drink people consumed was as much a part of their lives as the houses they built, the food they ate or the clothes they wore. They were all glad, he said, to see the present inclination of people against drink.

ROYAL BANK CLERKSHIPS.

Candidates should note that at the last examination 11 appointments were gained by pupils of Rosse College, Stephen's Green. 7 Successes at previous examination.—(Advt.)

I am all the better for having spent my school life in the shadow of the cane.—Dr. H. Crichton Miller.

OBITUARY.

MR. FREDERIC W. PIM.

We regret to announce that Mr. Frederic W. Pim died yesterday at his residence, Lonsdale, Blackrock, Co. Dublin. Mr. Pim, who was born in 1836, was one of the leading business men in Dublin. He was a son of Mr. Jonathan Pim, member of Parliament for the City of Dublin from 1865 to 1874. He was active member throughout his business career, of the well-known firm of Pim Brothers, Ltd., wholesale and retail linen and woollen merchants, whose business was developed within his lifetime into the important concern represented by the extensive establishments in South Great George's street and Exchequer street. He was also one of the principals of the allied company, Pim Brothers and Company, which was formed to deal with the manufacture of Irish poplin, and of the Greenmount Spinning Company, Limited, which maintained a large and important spinning factory at Harold's Cross for a number of years.

Mr. Pim was also one of the principal proprietors of the prosperous bakery and flour milling concern of Johnston, Mooney and O'Brien, Ltd., of which he was chairman for many years, and a director of Messrs. Thomas Hatton and Company, Ltd., coal merchants.

His chief activity for many years, however, was in the direction of the affairs of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway, which during the earlier years of his connection with it was known as the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway. He was chairman of the board of the company for more than twenty years, from 1895 to 1917. In the latter year he retired from the chair, but not from the board. The railway encountered many times of great difficulty during his period of office as its chairman, notably through the necessity for large capital expenditure to preserve the line itself, which was continually threatened by the encroachment of the sea along parts of its course. At the meetings of the company the board frequently was subjected to strong criticism, but the chairman, who was thoroughly familiar with all the details of management, was generally able to show that the directors were making the best of a difficult job. Moreover, besides justifying his own board, Mr. Pim was a stout defender of the whole system of railway control in Ireland under private ownership. In a book entitled "The Railways and the State," which he published about 1910, he gave trenchant replies, supported by an abundance of facts, to the arguments which were then being put forward in favour of nationalisation of the railways.

That was his chief publication, but he issued, from time to time, a number of pamphlets and addresses. The last, entitled "The Mite in the Cheese," contained observations on conditions created by the Great War. Another, which was the foundation of various civic movements in Dublin, was a set of three presidential addresses delivered before the Dublin Sanitary Association on the Health of Dublin. He also wrote on Home Rule through Federal Devolution.

Mr. Pim was twice married, his second wife being an American lady, the daughter of Mr. Erasmus C. Pratt, of Philadelphia. The funeral will take place to-morrow at Temple Hill Cemetery.

MR. JOHN O'CONNELL.

A very large circle of friends and acquaintances will hear with regret of the death of Mr. John O'Connell, which occurred yesterday morning at his residence, 4 Rutland square, Dublin. Mr. O'Connell was one of the best-known men in Dublin for at least a generation. For many years he was superintendent of the Glasnevin Cemetery, he came in contact with all classes, and his unfailing courtesy made him a universal favourite. Born at Banagher eighty-two years ago, he came to Dublin in 1866, and entered the service of the Dublin Cemeteries Committee, having for some short time previously been connected with a weekly paper, the *Irishman*, of which the late Richard Pigott was editor and proprietor. In 1867 Mr. O'Connell was appointed superintendent of Prospect Cemetery. After twenty-six years in the post of superintendent, he was promoted to the secretaryship of the committee in November, 1913. He continued to perform his duty until the 29th of December last, when he was suddenly taken ill. He leaves a widow and several sons and daughters.

THE HON. HENRY LLOYD COWDY.

A cable from Ipoh, Perak, Federated Malay States, announces that the Hon. Henry Lloyd Cowdy died there as the result of a motor accident on January 4th. Mr. Cowdy was the fifth son of the late Anthony Cowdy and Mrs. Cowdy, of Millmount, Banbridge, County Down. Mr. Cowdy graduated with distinction in Dublin University, and was called to the Irish Bar in 1903. He went to the Straits Settlements a few years later, and soon enjoyed a larger legal practice. The news of his death will be regretted by all who knew him.

THE REV. THOMAS GRENNAN.

The death took place yesterday at the Carmelite Priory, Aungier street, Dublin, of the Rev. Thomas Grennan, O.C.C., in his 83rd year. Born at Moate in 1842, Father Grennan entered the Carmelite Order in 1860. He was ordained priest on 21st December, 1867, and celebrated his golden jubilee seven years ago. During the first twenty years of his religious life he was engaged almost entirely in teaching at the Carmelite Seminary, Lower Dominick street, Dublin. Except for a brief period of residence in Kildare, he had been occupied for many years in the Carmelite Church, Whitefriar street, where he was very well known. He was an eloquent preacher and exceedingly well read. There will be a Mass and Requiem Office for the repose of his soul to-day in Whitefriar street at eleven o'clock. The interment will take place at Glasnevin.

DR. MITCHELL HUNTER.

The death of Dr. Mitchell Hunter occurred last Tuesday at his residence, 56 Bryansburn road, Bangor, Co. Down. Dr. Hunter practised at Magherafelt for many years, and then went to Sunderland, where he was attached to the Durham Light Infantry. He returned to Magherafelt, where he continued in practice until his retirement some time ago, after which he took up residence in Bangor.

MR. ROBERT NICHOLL.

The death of Mr. Robert Nicholl, aged 54, a master printer, took place at his residence, Granville, Chichester road, Belfast, last Tuesday. He was formerly employed by Messrs. Hugh Adair, Ltd., Arthur street. Afterwards he entered the service of Messrs. Combridge, Dublin. In 1894 Mr. Nicholl returned to his native city and established a business as printer and manufacturing stationer. He was station commandant of the "B" Special Constabulary force headquarters at Chichester road barracks.

A DOCTOR'S DEBTS.

MONEYLENDERS' BIG INTEREST.

Dr. Alexander Thomas Harrison, son., of Sherburn, Medical Officer of Health, appeared in the Bankruptcy Court at Durham.

His deficiency of £7,400 he attributed to the high rate of interest paid to moneylenders and heavy education expenses. During the past year his liabilities had practically doubled, and he paid £2,800 interest on borrowed money.

With the exception of a few debts for household goods, all unsecured, the liabilities were loans and interest due both to professional and private moneylenders. From these he borrowed £6,200, and they held securities estimated at £2,000.

Dr. Harrison admitted that he had known of his insolvency and had been reducing his liabilities to professional moneylenders by having recourse to private lenders, in order to get a reduction of interest. The salary as rural district council medical officer was £800, plus £50 for expenses.

To a friend who had given him advice on how to reduce the moneylenders' debt from £1,200 to £600 he gave a present of £200. The advice was to go to a solicitor.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

The Rev. R. R. Sayers, of Lurgan, High street, will succeed the Rev. R. S. Carey at Londragale next June. Mr. Sayers will be succeeded in Lurgan by the Rev. R. J. Black, of the Castlebar and Mayo Mission.

The amount collected at Whitehead by the Carol singers on Christmas Eve was £5 10s. 5d., which has been forwarded to St. Dunstan's National Hospital for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors.

JUNIOR EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

Open Competitive Exam., 10th March.

For Males and Females (ages 17-21). Special Day, Evening and Correspondence Classes working at SKERRY'S COLLEGE, 76 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.—(Advt.)

BENGAL ORDINANCE BILL.

REJECTED BY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THE STRANGE STORY OF GUPTA.

CALCUTTA, Wednesday.

The Bengal Legislative Council has rejected, by 66 votes to 37, the Bengal Criminal Law Amendment Bill, 1925, which was designed to give effect to the Ordinance promulgated on October 25 last for the suppression of terrorism in Bengal.

Extraordinary precautions were taken when the Council met this afternoon. All tickets to the visitors' galleries were cancelled this morning, only Pressmen being admitted, and these after the closest scrutiny. The police were much in evidence, a strong force being stationed within the Council Chamber building, whilst the various approaches were patrolled by another strong force. Mr. Das, the Swarajist leader, who has been indisposed for the past ten days, and is reported to be suffering from appendicitis, arrived in an invalid chair.

Lord Lytton, addressing the Council, said that the only justification for a bill of the kind was that the welfare of the State was endangered, and the danger could not be averted by any other means. It was for members of the Council to decide which of the two evils was the greater—that a secret organisation should be free to threaten the lives of those they disapprove, or that the ordinary processes of the law should be suspended for a limited time in the case of a few individuals, in order to prevent the committing of violent crimes and the spread of terrorism through the province."

His Excellency deplored the way in which the Press had brought accusations against the Bengal Government of fabricating false charges, which imputations were wholly undeserved, and appeared to be founded entirely on a single case—viz., the Mussalmanpara bomb case in 1914, when one person was killed and several injured. The Governor when proceeded to reveal the full story of that case, in which a certain Nogendranath Sen Gupta was acquitted, three judges of the High Court declaring him innocent. In that case, he said, there was an error of imperfect human justice and a remarkable illustration of Divine justice—a guilty man had been declared innocent.

Explaining that he did not criticise the verdict of the Court on the evidence before it, Lord Lytton said that he was privileged to know Gupta, and was not ashamed to call him his friend. Relating the history of their acquaintance the Governor said that he had first heard of him when he visited the Newcastle Indian Students Committee in 1921, where the authorities thought very highly of Gupta, through reference to the India Office records, which revealed him to be none other than the man accused in the Musalmanpara bomb case. On proceeding to Bengal in 1922, he made the acquaintance of Gupta, and found that the good opinions expressed of him in England were confirmed by his intimates in India.

Subsequently Lord Lytton learned that Gupta was now prepared, at what cost, to correct his injurious belief in his innocence involved, and to stand before the world in his true colours, as a man who had, in truth, committed a grievous crime in his youth, but by subsequent blameless conduct and hard work had made *et re nement*.

Continuing, the Governor said that Gupta had recently given him permission to tell the truth, subject to the condition that in confessing his guilt he did not incriminate anyone else, and thus he had, by this supreme act of self-sacrifice, removed the only burden which still remained on his conscience, and stood absolved in the eyes of God and man.

In concluding this story, the Governor said that he had related it not merely for the purpose of clearing the former Government of making a false charge, but in the hope that Gupta's example would help both sides to find common ground. Pleading for adherence as the best means of securing progress with ten 15-centimetre guns amidships, and is being constructed in part fulfilment of the Peace Treaty naval programme.—(*The Times* Correspondent.)

FARES AND RATES.

NEW RAILWAY CHARGES IN OPERATION.

In the "Red Guide" for January the time tables for all the railways that are wholly whitin the Free State are set out under the one general heading—Great Southern Railways, the official title of the new amalgamated company.

In place of the usual preliminary note instructing the public how to calculate the fares there is the information, "fares shown in the inside, unless otherwise stated, are subject to the authorised 50 per cent. increases." For all the amalgamated systems, with the exception of the Dublin and South-Eastern, the increases are 75 per cent. above the fares in operation on August 4th, 1914. The quoted fares on the Dublin and South-Eastern line are 75 per cent. above the prewar figures. On the others, the fares before amalgamation were double those of 1914.

The reductions came into operation on January 1st. The third class single fares to Cork, Galway, and Killarney have been reduced by 3s. 5d., 2s. 11d. and 5s. 1d. respectively.

The reductions in the rates and charges for the carriage of livestock and goods also have been in operation for a past week. Calculated by the head the present charge for livestock is double that of January, 1920. Other increases on the January 1st, 1920 standard are:—Small parcels, 2 1-5 more; returned empties, double; merchandise by passenger train, including livestock and vehicles, three-fourths more; parcels by passenger train, three-fifths more; excess passenger luggage, one-tenth more. The cloak room charges are one and-a-half times what they were in 1920.

IRISH OFFICER'S WILL.

Mr. Michael John Clery, late Captain in the 3rd Dragoon Guards, who died in London on July 31 last, left estate in the Irish Free State valued at £64,715. Mr. Clery was a member of the family, one of which was part proprietor of the drapery shop in Sackville street. He had no domicile in Ireland. By his will, which he executed while he was on active service, he bequeathed £5,000 to Downside College, near Bath, for the education and maintenance there of the sons of officers who were killed in the war. The other bequests are of a family nature.

BELFAST FIRES

Much damage was caused by fire early yesterday morning in the recently opened sports shop of Messrs. Harper and Co., Rosemary street, Belfast. The shop was three storeys, surmounted by a glass dome. The outbreak originated in the third storey, and this was blazing furiously, and shortly after the brigade arrived the dome fell in. The entire upper storey was gutted. Water used for extinguishing the fire flooded the two lower storeys.

Earlier in the morning there was an outbreak of fire in the premises of the Commercial Hemming Co., at Commercial Court, and a considerable amount of damage was done.

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BLACKROCK MILITARY HOSPITAL

A most enjoyable concert was provided for the patients in the Ministry of Pensions Hospital, Blackrock, last Sunday, by the Adelaide Melody Band, the Misses May Doyle and Florence Howley, and Mr. J. Mulcahy, vocalists. The concert was very much appreciated by the men. A whist drive and tea were provided by the Rev. R. H. Dobbs, Mrs. and Miss Pindlater, and the members of All Saints Church, Blackrock, to the patients at the Special Surgical Hospital, Blackrock. The entertainment was very much appreciated by the men.

U.S. MARKETS.

IRREGULAR CLOSING OF STOCKS.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)
NEW YORK, Wednesday.

Stocks opened strong. The retirement of short contracts, subscriptions of outside selling and investment buying of dividend payers in anticipation of larger disbursements carried forty shares to new high levels, public utility stocks and high-grade railroads being the strongest, but all broke sharply on enormous profit-taking, and the market closed irregular. Government Bonds firm. Railroad Bonds firm. The day's sales totalled 1,650,000 shares. Money on call closed easy at 2½ p.c. bid and 2¾ asked. Actual business ranged from 2¾ to 3 p.c., with the ruling rate 3 p.c. the last loan was made at 2¾ p.c. Sterling exchange firm. Silver 1c. lower for foreign and 4.73 Gold to the value of 2,500,000 dollars has been engaged for export to Berlin.

Rises—Canadian Pacific and Chicago North-Western Grain. Mex. Illinois Central, Mex. Northern Pacific Common, Chicago Rock Island Common, and United States Rubber, 1; Southern Railway Shares, and Wabash Pref., 1½; Southern Pacific Common, 1½; and Union Pacific Common, 1¼.

Falls—Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Shares, and Standard Dutch Petroleum, 2; Lehigh Valley Shares, Bethlehem Steel Common and Shell Unit, 1½; Louisville and Nashville, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, Missouri Pacific, United States Steel Common, General Motors, and Panama American Petroleum Ord., 1; Reading Shares, 1¼; Wabash Common, 1½; Utah Copper, 1; and National Lead, 1½.

Reading 4 p.c. Mortgage Bonds advanced 1, and Missouri, Kansas and Texas 5 p.c. Adjustment Bonds declined ½.

Call Money	2h. 3¼c	2h. 2h.
Exchange on Lon. 60 days sight	4.77¾	4.73¾
Do. do. Demand	4.79¾	4.76¼
Cable Transfers	4.80¼	4.77
Do. Montreal	4.77¾	4.74¾
Exchange Paris, cable	8.34¼	8.49¾

Reg. Parity	STOCKS	Closing Bid Business Pr. ces. Tues.	Done. Wed.
107⅞	U.S. Funded	107¾	108¼
87¼	Alchy Top. Santa Fe	87¼	87¼
87⅛	Do. Preference	86¾	86¾
81⅝	Baltimore and Ohio	81¼	81¼
134	Canadian Pacific	130	132¾
100⅛	Chesapeake Ohio Com	95½	95¾
75⅛	Chicago Mil. and St. Paul	73¾	74¼
76⅞	Chicago and N.-West.	76¾	77
34⅜	Erie Shares	33	33⅛
49⅝	Do. 1st Preferred	49¾	49
73⅜	Great Northern Pref.	70	70½
120	Illinois Central	117¾	118¼
75½	Lehigh Valley	73¼	73⅝
111	Louisville & Nashville	111	110¾
30	Missouri, Kan. & Texas	30	29¾
34⅜	Missouri Pacific Com.	33¾	33¾
70	Do. Pref.	69¾	69¾
79⅜	N.Y. Cent. & Hudson R.	78¾	78¾
130⅜	Norfolk and West. Com.	130¼	130¾
93⅜	Northern Pacific Com.	92¾	92¾
39⅛	Ontario and Western	38¾	38¾
44⅜	Pennsylvania Shares	43½	43¾
43⅜	Reading Shares	43¼	43¼
39⅛	Do. Preferred	38	38
81⅜	Southern Railway	81⅜	81⅜
104⅛	Southern Pacific	104½	104
22⅜	Texas and Pacific	22¼	22¼
74⅜	Union Pacific Com.	74¼	74¼
88⅜	Do. Preferred	88	88
64	Wabash Common	63¾	63¾
96⅜	Do. Preferred A	96¼	96¼
37⅜	Westinghouse Electric	37⅜	36¾
56⅜	American Smelt. and Refining	56	56⅛
47⅜	Anaconda Copper	47⅜	47⅜
27⅜	British-American Tobacco Ord.	26	25⅞
33⅜	Utah Copper	33	33⅛
76⅜	New York Consolidated Gas	74½	76⅜
3⅜	General Electric	3⅜	3⅜
118⅜	National Lead	117½	118⅛
123⅜	United States Steel Common	122¼	123⅛
107⅜	Do. Pref.	107	107⅜
57⅜	Bethlehem Steel Com. Stock	57⅛	57⅜
67⅜	Silver Commercial Bars	66¾	67⅛
64⅜	Canadian Mexican Ord.	64¼	64¼
13⅜	Inter. Mer. Marine Com Certs.	13¼	13¼
44⅜	Do. Pref. Certs.	44	43⅞
44⅜	Royal Dutch Ordinary	43⅜	43⅜
44⅜	Shell Ordinary	43	43⅛
44⅜	Mexican Petroleum Ord.	43⅜	44⅛
19	Anglo-American Oil	18¾	18⅝
24⅜	Shell Union Oil Corp.	23¾	23⅞
44⅜	Int. Rubber	43⅜	43⅜

BONDS.

83⅜	Atch. Top. Santa Fe 4% Gen. Mort.	83	83⅜
67⅜	Erie Rail. Gen. 4% Lien Bonds	64	64
100⅜	Reading 4 p.c. Mortgage Bonds	94¼	94⅜
91⅜	Union Pacific 4 p.c. Bonds	91⅜

A Beautiful Clock of Brass and Dresden China, with Floral Design, now on view in the National Museum, Dublin. The Figures are in Porcelain.

The Whites XI.

The Colours XI., who were defeated in the Leinster Hockey Trial yesterday by 3 goals to nil.

J. H. Tuke (Whites) checks C. W. Cook (Colours) in the Leinster Hockey Trial.

Lieutenant Francis Morrow Laird, R.A., of Castle Place, Sandycove, whose death is announced.

Mr. Joseph F. Dunne, M.C., Royal Tank Corps (late the R.I. Regt.) and Miss Nora Nagle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William F. Nagle, Stafford House, Merrion, who are to be married to-day.

PLOT TO BLOW UP A TOWN HALL.

COMMUNIST ORGANISER'S ALLEGED THREATS.

STRANGE STORY IN NEWCASTLE COURT.

When Percy Gibson, who is described as an industrial organiser for the Communist Party, was charged at Newcastle yesterday with having been in possession of explosives in circumstances which gave rise to the suspicion that he did not possess them for a reasonable purpose, two witnesses spoke of threats which they heard him make to blow up the Town Hall and the Power Station, and cut off the water supply.

He was remanded until to-day, when it is possible that other charges may be preferred against him.

John Thomas Shutt, an unemployed man, who made the aquaintance of Gibson at unemployed meetings which he attended, gave details of his association with Gibson just before his arrest. He described his visit to a basement room in Newcastle, which Gibson had said was a secret meeting place of the Communist Party, and stated that on December 10th Gibson spoke about blowing up the power station at night, and the plunging of the city into darkness. Later Gibson, the witness, and a man named Lewis went to a house in Westgate road, where Gibson wanted to see the Treasurer of the Communist Party about some money. In the evening Gibson again met the two men. He was carrying a parcel, and when asked the contents said that it was carbide. "I said that is no use," proceeded the witness, whereupon Gibson said: "No, it is gunpowder, man." He also stated that there was a small bomb in the parcel. Shutt, who previously had been interviewed by the police detectives, had possession of the parcel while Gibson was away for a period, and he took it to the police station. Later they met Gibson and they proceeded to the quay-side, where Gibson said that he was going to fix the explosives. He was arrested by detectives.

Albert Edward Lewis stated that he first met Gibson on December 8th, and the prisoner spoke about blowing up the power station. Gibson said: "I will carry it out if you will help me." He also declared that he had gunpowder in the house, and that he would get a lot of money from the Communist Party if he did the job. The accused said that if they could stop the water supply his party could go into the country and sell water at a shilling a pail. The witness thought that Gibson had gone off his head until he saw the literature in the secret meeting room. When the three met on the quay-side, the witness added, Gibson told him that he had the stuff and must do something desperate to get rid of it as his wife was very nervous.

The accused in court protested that he did not have the explosives for any unlawful purpose, and said that he would rather go for trial and would reserve his defence.

The prosecuting solicitor said that probably other charges would be preferred, and the case was adjourned until to-day.

TONNAGE AT BRITISH PORTS.

The general manager of the Tyne Commission states that from the latest figures obtainable from the Board of Trade returns the Tyne is the third largest port in the United Kingdom.

Figures relate to 1923, and show that the net registered tonnage entering and leaving the seven leading British ports were:—

London	41,000,000
Liverpool	30,000,000
Newcastle	22,480,000
Cardiff	22,475,000
Southampton	17,750,000
Hull	13,500,000
Glasgow	12,250,000

Depressed after leaving the Children's Cottage Homes, Bucking (Essex), where she had lived since childhood, Elizabeth Respbury, parlour-maid at Great Warley Rectory, poisoned herself.

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THE MR. 'A" CASE.

NEWTON AND DIVISION OF £150,000.

Noel Montagne Newton returned to the witness box at Bow street Police Court, London, yesterday, and gave further evidence in the case in which William Cooper Hobbs is charged with having received a cheque for £150,000 that was stolen or obtained in France.

The cheque is alleged to have been obtained from Sir Hari Singh, Mr. "A." as the result of a conspiracy, as a result of which he was found at a Paris hotel with a Mrs. Robinson.

Newton said that when the £150,000 was received from Sir Hari Singh it was suggested that £20,000 should be given to Robinson and that the remainder should be divided between Hobbs, Arthur and himself. Hobbs asked him to take the cheque and to open a bank account with it, but he refused point-blank to do so. He never signed the name "C. Robinson" on the cheque, and he did not sign the cheques that were used to withdraw the money from the bank.

Hobbs opened the account and said that he would have it cleared specially—a course which witness thought was very foolish, as it would draw attention to the matter. He travelled to Paris with Hobbs, who said that he intended to open three new banking accounts there. "I endeavoured to prevent him from doing such a thing," added Newton, "and he handed me my share—approximately £40,000 in French bonds."

When they returned from Paris there was a meeting at Hobbs's office. Hobbs, Arthur, Robinson, Mrs. Robinson and witness were there. Hobbs produced £21,000 in notes, and everybody received £4,000, with the exception of Arthur, who was given a larger sum—about £5,000. Robinson was given Mrs. Bevan's money. Witness got his share in £5 notes and lodged it in Coutts's Bank, where he had an account in the name of "Timothy C. Mason."

Newton added that the only time he used the name "Robinson" was when Arthur suggested that he might need a passport in that name in order to visit India in case the second cheque for £150,000 was paid—the cheque which Hobbs had pretended to destroy. Hobbs helped him to fill in the application for the passport.

The Magistrate—Was that for further blackmail?

Newton—It was to get the money for the second cheque.

BUYING HIS "SHARE."

In cross-examination, Newton said that he received 600,000 francs from Captain Arthur, who had "purchased my share of the proceeds of the second cheque."

Counsel—I do not want to offend you in any way; but he bought the chance of blackmailing the Rajah out of another £150,000 for 600,000 francs? Is not my answer quite sufficient?

No; he bought the chance of your being able to blackmail the Rajah out of another £150,000 for 600,000 francs? I could not blackmail the Rajah.

The magistrate pressed Newton to explain exactly what his answer meant, and Newton agreed that he "was in it."

Counsel—You would not go to the Rajah and get the money, but you were part and parcel in getting another £150,000 out of the Rajah. For that you got 600,000 francs? Yes, and having no more interest in the cheque.

Counsel—Do you really suggest that, although you entered into this conspiracy, the fact that Hobbs accused you of putting the name of C. Robinson on the back of a cheque so outraged your honour that you came over here? No; you are twisting my answer. I have had trouble in my life. I have been convicted of forgery. I was not going to let a charge like that go by, and leave Hobbs to swim off on my back. I came here to defend myself, if you want to know.

The Magistrate—It was for a practical rather than for a sentimental reason that you came over? Yes.

Mr. Hutchinson—Why is it worse to be accused of forgery than of blackmail from a practical point of view? I had not been told up to that time that there would be any prosecution for forgery.

Blackmail was alleged in the defence? Yes.

Then why, from a practical point of view, did forgery bring you over rather than blackmail? It did not dawn on me that I was a blackmailer; that I was in the conspiracy, yes.

Counsel suggested that Lawton had a friend named Lemoine, who was also called Starmer.

Newton—Yes, he had many names. For the last seventeen or eighteen years he has worked for a Continental Power.

To your knowledge, has not he been convicted for card-sharping? He was sentenced in Germany, but I do not know what for.

Do you remember him cheating a young lieutenant of the German Army named Von Dipper? I do not remember him being charged with that.

Did not Von Dipper pay him with a bill of exchange, which you endorsed? I have never met Von Dipper in my life. I do not remember endorsing any bill of exchange.

Did he go out to India for you? He went out in connection with Hobbs, Arthur, and myself.

Had he had a little trouble in India before? There were extradition proceedings in India when Germany wanted to bring him back. He won, and was not extradited from India, so that he has no reason for not going back there.

Newton added that he would not say what Government Lemoine worked for.

Mr. Hutchinson—At any rate he went to India to get a little more money by blackmail? He went to get some more money, and Hobbs provided some of the expenses.

Newton protested that Mr. Hutchinson's questions were full of unnecessary sneers. Addressing counsel, Newton said: "You keep on rubbing it in that it was blackmail he went out for, but really he went out because he was persuaded by Captain Arthur, and this other matter was a side issue entirely. Captain Arthur knew everybody out there, and had told him that he could get him a good job."

GROWTH OF THE "TATE."

THREE NEW GALLERIES COMPLETED.

The completion of the three new galleries added to the Tate Gallery by the generosity of Sir Joseph Duveen draws attention to the change which has come over the Tate Gallery in recent times.

In recent years the Gallery has broadened and developed, and when the new galleries are opened towards the end of this year, it will be one of the most opulent galleries of modern art in Europe.

The Duveen Galleries are to house a collection of modern foreign art, and Mr. Courtauld's recent grant of £50,000 is specifically intended to be spent on the purchase of examples of the work of the great French masters of the latter half of the 19th century.

Rebels such as Gauguin, innovators such as Van Gogh, adorn the walls once sacred to more conservative talents. Manet, Monet, Cezanne, Degas, Renoir, Pissaro, Sisley, Harpignies, Rousseau, are all represented. These pictures have added a fresh interest to London sight-seeing.

Mr. John Sargent, who is now in London, has told Mr. Aitken, the director, that he intends to bequeath a famous unfinished Madox Brown to the Gallery. The Tate has been lucky in securing a number of charming Pre-Raphaelites lately, including a Rossetti.

The Gallery, possessing 30 galleries, has not finished growing yet. Vacant ground at the rear of the building is to be preserved by the Government, so that future additions can be made.

NO MORE "TUCK."

FRUIT, NOT SWEETS, SAYS THE DOCTOR.

Dr. Henry Campbell, who lectured on school diet at the Conference of Educational Associations at University College, said:—"The tuck shop is an evil institution, and should be done away with."

He knew of one instance where one small boy who had received a sovereign from home spent the whole of it on tinned Swiss milk, with which he glutted himself on every convenient opportunity. No alcohol should be allowed, but there should be a plentiful supply of pure water.

Sugar was not an essential food, said the doctor, and no jams or sweets should be permitted. The country would gain vastly if all the sweet shops were converted into greengrocers' and fruiterers' shops. The doctor would also bar puddings and pastry of all descriptions. They only pampered the appetite, he said, and provided no exercise for the teeth and jaws.

A boy's strong dislike to fat, said the doctor, should be respected.

WELSH SUCCESSES AT SLOUGH SHOW.

North Wales provided the champion bull at the Show of the British Friesian Cattle Society at Slough yesterday. The name of the animal is Tyddynmielyn Flashlight, and it is the property of Mr. Frank Griffiths, of Mold. The reserve champion was Groundwell Fokke, which belongs to Messrs. Sayers, of Groundwell Manor, Blunsdon, Swindon. The champion female was Cuddington Laura, owned by Mr. William Boddington, of Cuddington, Aylesbury.

The silver medal of the National Canine Defence League is to be awarded to Joseph Cooke, aged 63, a labourer, of Morley (Yorks), for descending a 70-foot pit shaft by a rope and saving a dog.

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TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

A Cardinal's Legacy. — Cardinal Giorgi, who died recently, has left his whole fortune to the Pope.

Ex-German Properties.—It was announced in Melbourne yesterday that the expropriated properties in New Guinea will be sold by tender shortly.—(Reuter.)

Archbishop's Death.—Archbishop Henry Moeller has died from heart disease at Cincinnati, where he had been archbishop since 1904. He was seventy-five years of age.

Smallpox.—Six fresh cases of smallpox have been reported at Middlesbrough since Saturday. There are eighty cases now in hospital, and of these twenty-eight were admitted last week.

British Privilege.—The Australian High Commissioner in London, Sir Joseph Cook, states that the new Australian rule requiring every immigrant to possess £40 does not apply to British subjects.

Archbishop's Illness. — Dr. Edwards, Archbishop of Wales, is suffering from a severe chill at the Palace, St. Asaph. He is in his seventy-fifth year. He is the first Archbishop of Wales.

House Full.—Sir James Barrie attended a private view of the "Peter Pan" film at a Wardour street (London) studio. The secret had been so well kept that no one knew when or where Sir James was to see the film. It is stated that there was no one present except Sir James and the operator. What Sir James thought about the production is being kept a secret.

Decline in Shipbuilding.—Lloyd's Register shipbuilding returns for the quarter ended December 31, 1924, show that the tonnage under construction in Great Britain and Ireland was 1,296,971 tons, a decrease of about 171,000 tons as compared with the total at the end of September, 1924, and about 98,000 below the tonnage building twelve months ago.

Died for a Dog. — Samuel Whitehead, a Birkdale youth, has lost his life while duck-shooting on the salt marshes at Hundred Ends. His dog, a spaniel, was sent into the water after a duck, but became exhausted, and Whitehead, who was a fair swimmer, jumped in to rescue the dog. He was either swept away by the tide or sank in the boggy ground. The body has not been found.

Sugar Beet Process in Britain.—A definite participation by cane sugar refiners in the schemes being formulated for beet sugar factories in Britain, under the Government subsidy, is reported by the *Industrial Daily News*. Messrs. Tate and Lyle, Limited, are co-operating with Hungarian interests in the building of a factory shortly to be initiated at Bury St. Edmunds. Each group will find half of the £350,000 involved, and a Hungarian expert has been chosen as organiser. A process of manufacture new to Britain is being introduced, and the initial capacity of the works is to be 1,500 tons of sugar per annum.

Inquest on Colliery Explosion.—Following the explosion at Brynlais Colliery last September, when four men were killed, the Brynlais Colliery Company, David Rees, the agent, and William Davies, the manager, appeared at Swansea yesterday to summonses under the Coal Mines Act, alleging inadequate ventilation, improper use of explosives, and shot firing by persons other than a shot firer. The defence generally denied the offences alleged, and contended that David Rees was not the colliery agent. The summonses against the company and Rees were dismissed. The manager, William Davies, was ordered to pay in fines and costs £53 5s., and a further 20 guineas costs was allowed to the prosecution.

Workers' Heroic Rescue.—The award of the Edward Medal to Mr. John Krull and Mr. Frederick Oliver, employés of Messrs. G. E. Weston and Sons, of Welcome square, London, is announced. When shafts were being sunk at electrical engineering works at Charlton, a man named Timpson was overcome by gas at the bottom of a shaft 26ft. deep. A fellow-worker named Bass, who attempted rescue, was driven back by the fumes. Oliver then tied a handkerchief over his mouth and descended, but collapsed at the bottom. Krull next dipped a muffler in water, tied it over his mouth and nostrils, and went down with a rope round his body. He brought up, first, Timpson, who did not recover, and then Oliver, who was brought round.

Killed While Bathing.—A tragic occurrence took place near the Kincardineshire village of St. Cyrus late on Tuesday night, resulting in the death of a young man, while two others were seriously injured. It would appear that George Carver, George Duncan, and George Stewart, who occupy a hut in the Taylor's Park quarry near the village, along with three others, had left the hut for the purpose of going bathing. Shortly after those remaining in the hut were startled by a loud explosion, and some time later Duncan crawled into the hut and informed them of the accident. Carver had evidently found a piece of explosive substance and had tried to explode it by setting a match to it. His body was blown to pieces, one of his legs being found over a quarter of a mile away from the explosion.

Royal Gifts. — Gold, frankincense and myrrh were offered on behalf of the King at the Marlborough House Chapel as the customary Royal Epiphany gifts. A guard of honour of Yeomen of the Guard was on duty in the chapel.

Killed by a Nightdress. — Eric Brisley, the eleven-weeks son of a Brixton insurance agent, died from suffocation in bed. The doctor at the inquest said the nightdress had caused a restricted mark round the front of the neck.

Find of Skeletons.—Three human skeletons were found by workmen who were digging the foundations for the Raleigh Company's new premises in Norwich. The Norwich Castle Museum are said to be anxious to secure the skeletons, which are stated to be hundreds of years old.

State Censorship.—M. Victor Marguerite's book, "Le Compagnon," has been seized by the Hungarian authorities, and its translator, M. Zoltan Bartos, condemned to one month's prison and a fine of £9 for "propaganda against the marriage laws and publishing indecent matter."

Clocks on Strike.—At a Fulham Borough Council Committee meeting to discuss estimates, the matter of buying a clock for the Mayor came up and clocks filled every vacant part of the room. In the course of the discussion a suggestion for cutting down some of the workmen's wages was broached, and immediately all the clocks started to chime. The deliberations of the committee had to be held up for some time while the clocks continued to strike. "Even the clocks appear to be striking against this," said a councillor, and it was agreed that the wages of the workmen should not be cut.

Civil Servants' Arrears.—A considerable sum of money due to civil servants has not yet been paid over, and the Civil Service Clerical Association declares that it can get no satisfactory statement from the Accountant-General. The money is due on claims for war bonuses, promised on a condition of employment, and thousands of Civil servants are affected, the great majority of them in the Post Office. Eight test cases were recently decided in the High Court. In six cases the judgments were in favour of the Civil servants. It is understood that the Treasury have not yet decided whether they will take these six cases to the House of Lords or not. The average amount due per person is over £50.

WOMEN INVENTORS.

BED THAT GROWS WITH THE BABY

A feature of the exhibition of new inventions at the International Institute of Inventors, Sackville street, London, W., is the number of ingenious contrivances made by women.

There is, for instance, a simple idea patented by a Chelsea woman, who was distressed by the number of candle ends she had to throw away. By an arrangement of a tin pan, made to fit a candlestick, and a spike, she has saved a vast amount of tallow.

A woman from Newcastle-on-Tyne tired of stooping. By a little wire stand fixed to an ordinary dust-pan she found she could easily sweep up all the dust without having to pick up the pan every few minutes.

Another woman invented a mechanical device to alter the angle of aeroplane propeller blades in accordance with the wind pressure. By tilting the blades it is possible not only to use the wind to the greatest advantage, but to bring an aeroplane to a standstill within a comparatively small space.

A nurse is responsible for the invention of a cradle which becomes a cot, and later a bed, as the child grows up.

RUSSIAN JEWS ON HUNGER STRIKE.

For eight hours on Monday practically all the 700 Russian transmigrants now quartered at Atlantic Park Hostel, near Southampton, the British Ellis Island, were on hunger strike as a protest against the quality of food supplied to them.

Nearly all are Jews. A few of the non-Jews declined to join in the strike. These transmigrants are through passengers from Russia to the United States, and are being detained because the quota of Russian emigrants is closed. All are now awaiting authority to proceed to the United States.

The strikers absented themselves from breakfast and dinner, but were all present at tea, after a deputation had interviewed Colonel R. D. Barbor, manager of the hostel.

Atlantic Park Hostel is an extensive range of buildings between Southampton and Eastleigh, equipped and maintained by the Cunard, White Star and the Canadian Pacific Lines.

Many of the transmigrants, said a shipping official, were housed and fed for months without a penny being received in return.

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EMPIRE COMMUNITY SETTLEMENT.

CAREERS FOR THE "NEW POOR."

The scheme for Empire community settlement is described by its originator, Sir Roland Bourne, as intended to aid ex-officers of the Services, Government officials retired from administrative positions abroad, planters, engineers and others to whom life in undeveloped countries is no longer possible on account of growing families to be educated at home. This scheme was recently launched under the aegis of Lord Londonderry, Lord Derby, Lord Meston, and many other distinguished and influential men and women, and its main objects are:—

(1) To provide for retired public servants (and others) spacious settlements in the Colonies, where they and their families can live useful happy lives, well within their incomes, and enjoy the intellectual and recreational facilities to which, as cultured members of society, they are entitled; and

(2) To utilise their valuable services in the building up of a "white" Empire.

"Colonisation in the past," observes Sir Roland, "has been thought of mainly in terms of agriculture. But there is another form of culture which, in the long run, is essential to a nation, the intellectual culture that comes from education and tradition. This is the contribution which the settlers contemplated under this scheme and their children could make to the future of the Empire."

The scheme, though drawn up ready for almost immediate execution, cannot, of course, become a reality before its significance has been appreciated by those for whose benefit it has been designed.

Three classes of settlement are contemplated:—Class A—For married men with families whose income is from £250 to £550 per annum. Class B—for married men with families whose income is from £600 to £800 per annum. Class C—For married men with families whose income is over £800 per annum. Bachelors and spinsters, however, are not excluded.

The holdings, on which a dwellinghouse will be erected, will, in the first instance, be restricted to two acres. They will be rentable by the settler, who will be free, if he so chooses, to utilise his land for fruit, poultry, or whatever form of productivity he fancies. The city, within easy reach, will offer every facility for shopping, amusement, and the education of children.

A LINK WITH ANTIQUITY.

Some interesting first century remains have been discovered during excavations in connection with the new Reading cemetery at Caversham. Sir Rickman Godlee has identified portions of a skull, collar-bone and a rib.

A small cup discovered near by may have contained food which was buried with the dead. The little food vessel and attenuated human bones tell the story of a burial on the site of the new Reading cemetery nearly 1,900 years ago.

NO APPEAL RIGHT FOR DOGS.

The fate of an Airedale dog was involved in a novel point of interest to dog owners raised at St. Albans Quarter Sessions, when Frederick Edwards appealed against an order of the local Divisional Justices, who adjudged that his dog was dangerous, and directed that it should be destroyed forthwith.

Mr. St. John Morrow, who appeared for the Justices, took a preliminary objection that there was no right to appeal against such an order.

"It is very unfortunate for the appellant," said His Honour, Judge H. M. Sturges, K.C., who presided. "We regret it is so, but we have no power to hear the appeal, which must be dismissed, with costs."

"If this is a correct legal decision," says Mr. C. R. Johns, Secretary of the National Canine Defence League, "it means that local magistrates have the final decision and there is no appeal from them. This is a new reading of the law."

The Canine Defence League is taking legal advice on the question, as it regards the case as being of immense importance to dog owners.

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GERMAN AND SCIENCE.

IDEALS IN EDUCATION.

It is one of the greatest curses of to-day that some modern theorists think you should not teach anything if you cannot teach it thoroughly, said Mr. W. W. Vaughan, Headmaster of Rugby School, in opening a discussion on the neglect of German, at the annual conference of Educational Associations at University College, London, yesterday.

All boys and girls who stayed at school after a certain age should be introduced to the German language, and receive sufficient training to enable them to carry on the study themselves. As an educational instrument, it was invaluable. It was impossible to be in the forefront of scientific knowledge without a knowledge of German. Even for commercial purposes a knowledge of the language was of great value. There was much more trade going on between the country and Germany than some of our politicians would acknowledge.

SCIENCE MASTERS' CONFERENCE.

A science masters' meeting at Leeds University ended yesterday with a discussion on the connection between science "teaching" in schools and universities. Professor A. Smithells, late Leeds University, said there were university teachers who held that universities should be relieved of the elementary teaching of science, while another group to which he belonged were strongly bent on laying their own foundations of university study in any particular subject.

Dr. Terry Thomas, headmaster Leeds Grammar School, said the great argument for general science was that they were not teaching boys for the university, but for the university of life. He pleaded for more co-operation between schools and universities.

THE ICONOCLASTIC SEX.

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., who is busy during the recess organising her trade union in Manchester, gave some impressions of the House of Commons to local members of the Women's International League. It had come as an ugly shock to her, she said, to find that the writers and waitresses who ministered to the comforts of members were not paid wages during the recess. "There is going to be a row about it," she promised, "when the House meets."

Miss Wilkinson regards the procedure of the House of Commons and its ceremonial as dignified and simple, but as soon as the House of Lords comes into the picture the scene is theatrical. It was real enough 300 years ago, but is meaningless to-day.

The House enjoys itself like a crowd of schoolboys at the ceremonial of appointing judges. "Anybody who has an idea that the House of Lords should be perpetuated should see its dressed-up unreality," she said.

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GOSSIP FROM THE COURSE

AN OLD-TIME MEETING.

FAVOURITES WIN AT TENBY.

FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Wednesday Night.

There was little more than a local interest attaching to the Tenby meeting this afternoon. Delightful and ancient as this little fixture is—it has occupied a place in the Calendar for the greater part of a century—it is too remote to receive a great deal of patronage, and David Harrison, the popular local trainer, is usually the predominant figure at the meeting. He supplied three successive winners this afternoon in Irish Prince, False Report, and Rousham, the margins in favour of each being ten lengths, five lengths and five lengths respectively.

The bookmakers who attended the meeting would seem to have had much the worse or matters, for every favourite was successful. Greengore, who beat Sorrel Hill and Harry Hark, was an even money chance in the Selling Steeplechase, and won by ten lengths. Irish Prince and Roman Hackle were each at 6 to 4 in the Selling Hurdle, and the former won easily. False Report, who used to belong to Mr. Albert Lowry, had odds of 2 to 1 laid on him, while 6 to 4 had to be betted on Rousham to beat Condor, which he did by five lengths.

To-morrow's racing will be much of the same class as that of this afternoon. If CONDOR is started again he may win the Town Handicap Steeplechase, and DRINK-MORE should be successful in the Victory Hurdle.

To-morrow the entries for the Lincolnshire Handicap close, and that is really the most interesting event of the day.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

TENBY.

1.30 Race—7 to 4 agst. White Ronald, 5 to 2 Mayfly, 4 to 1 Penceed, 5 to 1 Munster Marine, 6 to 1 Winkle, 7 to 1 Ragiology, 10 to 1 any other.

2.0 Race—4 to 6 His Luck, 5 to 2 Rousham, 4 to 1 Cupid's Dart, 6 to 1 Condor, 7 to 1 each Hopeful and Miss Micawber, 10 to 1 any other.

2.30—Evens Carantuohil; 9 to 4 Little Milford, 4 to 1 Irish Prince, 5 to 1 Colcannon, 6 to 1 Maduro, 7 to 1 Smerdis, 10 to 1 any other.

3.0 Race—6 to 4 agst. Some Dance, 11 to 4 Psycho, 7 to 2 Magenta, 5 to 1 Penceed, 7 to 1 Drinkmore, 8 to 1 B.V., 10 to 1 any other.

3.30 Race—5 to 4 on Jumper, 5 to 2 agst. Sorrel, 4 to 1 Mill Lad, 7 to 1 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

TENBY.

1.30—White Ronald.
2 0—Rousham.
2.30—Carantuohil.
3. 0—Some Dance.
3.30—Jumper.

DOUBLE—Carantuohil (nap) and Some Dance.

A Student of Form.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Westminster Gazette :—To-day's best — Drinkmore—Double—Congenial and Drinkmore.

Daily News :—Double — Rousham and Carantuohil.

Daily Express :—Double—Equanscourt and Some Dance. Safety bet—Equanscourt.

Daily Mail :—Double—Little Milford and Drinkmore (nap).

Daily Graphic :—Double—Carantuohil and Psycho.

"IRISH FIELD."

Commencing with the current week's issue, one of the best-known writers on English Racing will start a weekly letter on cross-Channel racing, under the nom-de-plume of "Barcaldine."

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. Sandys not only hunts Thereen In with the Cheshire Hounds and Wirral Harriers, but her daughter, who is not yet ten years of age, rides the son of Bean Bill at a hack.

Of the draw for the Altcar coursing meeting at Liverpool, on Tuesday night, seven dogs were backed for the Waterloo Cup. Tall Guardsman was favourite at 6 to 1, and amongst other quotations was 25 to 1 Brave Show (t. and w.).

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS.

Malden Hurdle, Gatwick—Twenty-first.
Purley Handicap Steeplechase, Gatwick—Drimmond and White Surrey.
Amateur Riders' Steeplechase, Gatwick—Red Empress.
Tantivy Steeplechase, Gatwick, and Broadway Novices' Steeplechase, Cheltenham—Meeting.
Cheltenham—Martinstown.
Hayden Park engagement—Legend.
Any engagements to Will, Son o' Lee, Sheikh Barra, and Biribi (dead).

GOLF.

THOUSAND GUINEAS TOURNAMENT.

The *Yorkshire Evening News* One Thousand Guineas Tournament has been fixed to take place on the Moortown Course, Leeds, on July 7th, and following days. This date follows closely after the Open Championship, and will enable the leading professionals to take part.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE PRESIDENT'S PUTTER.

For the Oxford and Cambridge Society's President's Putter Competition, to be played at Tye this week-end, thirty-five entries have been received. They include Sir E. E. Holderness, K.C.B., Wethered, C. J. H. Tolley, Bernard Darwin, and H. D. Gillies.

DUN LAOGHAIRE (Ladies' Branch)—January 8th, medal, strokes; draws at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Committee meeting, 4.30 p.m.; Handicap meeting, 5.15 p.m.

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MR. JOEL'S XI. v. NORTHERN DISTRICTS.

LONDERRY, Wednesday, January 7.

The Derry match between Mr. Joel's XI. and the Irish Northern Districts XI. was resumed here to-day. The local side scored 184 and 147 for six wickets in reply to the visitors' 269, and the match was abandoned as a draw.

TENBY RESULTS.

2.0—GROVE OPTIONAL SELLING STEEPLE-CHASE of 60 sovs. Second rec. 5 sovs. 2 m. Major D. Campbell's br. g. GREENGUE, by Dulbrook—Pollopy (Mr. Dykes Dennis)..... 1 12 7
Mr. Smith-Eyland's HORRIL HILL, a. 10-10 ..... D. Harrison 2 12 11
Mrs. Basil Mundy's HARRY HART, 7, 10-0 ..... Mr. P. Dennis 3
Also ran—Gondolier (J. Dillon). Off 2.11.
(Winner trained by Westmoreland.)
Betting—Evens GREENGUE, 2 to 1 agst. Harry Hart, 6 to 1 Gondolier, 10 to 1 Sorrel Hill. Won by ten lengths; a bad third.

2.30—KNIGHTSTON SELLING HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs. For horses that have never won a hurdle race. Winner to be sold for £100. Second 5 sovs. 2 m.
Lieut.-Col. F. Lart, Phillips's br. g. IRISH PRINCE, by My Prince—Sister to Flanderford—Flying Dutchman, 11-6 ..... D. Harrison 1 10 12
Mr. J. Smyth's ROMAN HACKLE, 7, 11-13 ..... Anthony 2
Mr. Baker's ORLANDO BANDO, 7, 11-5 ..... Tyndall 3
Also ran—Connaught (Mr. P. Dennis). Glen Alpha (Mr. West). Off 3.32. (Winner trained by D. Harrison.)
Betting—5 to 4 each agst. IRISH PRINCE and Roman Hackle, 4 to 1 Glen Alpha, 6 to 1 Connaught, 10 to 1 Orlando Bando.
Won by ten lengths; a bad third. Glen Alpha fell. Combination was pulled up.

3.0—LLWYNHTAN CHALLENGE CUP, value 50 guineas, with 40 sovs. added. Second 5 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. E. Hodson's b. g. FALSE REPORT, by Tredennis—Sparrow Bell, 8, 10-5 ..... Rees 1
Miss M. Yeiv's ENFARDIS, 5, 10-4 ..... Rees 2
Mr. W. A. Bankier's MARSTON MOOR, 10, 10-11 ..... Anthony 3
Also ran—Gaulstown (C. Rose). Byno (Trought). Off 3.7. (Winner trained by D. Harrison.)
Betting—5 to 4 on FALSE REPORT, 3 to 1 agst. Mr. Maddox's 10 to Marston Moor, 10 to 1 any other.
Won by five lengths; a head. Byno was pulled up.

3.30—LAWRENNY OPEN THREE MILE CHASE of 100 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. 3 m. Age, st. lb.
Capt. A. Mountjoy's CONDOR, 6, 11-0 ..... Owner 2
Mr. Y. D. Dennis's NOBLE GUARD, 14, 11-0 ..... Owner 3
Of 3.32. (Winner trained by D. Harrison.)
Betting—4 to 6 on ROUSHAM, 7 to 4 agst. Condor, 10 to 1 Noble Guard.
Won by five lengths; a bad third.

4.0—WROUGHTON NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE of 40 sovs. Second 4 sovs. 2 m.
Mr. McAlmont's b. g. BY HURRY RONALD, by Derry Ronald—Blanche II. ..... Mr. Ridley 1
Mrs. W. Allden's GONDOLIER, 10, 11-11 ..... Mr. D. Thomas 2
Mr. J. Holmes's BUBBLY, 10, 11-11 ..... Mr. P. Dennis 3
Off 4.1. (Winner trained by W. G. Peake.)
Betting—7 to 4 on WHITE RONALD, 7 to 4 agst. Bubbly, 10 to 1 Gondolier.
Won by five lengths; ten lengths.

TO-DAY'S SELECTIONS.

Small fields were seen out at Tenby yesterday, and backers had the best of the deals. The meeting concludes to-day, when possibly more runners will compete. Selections :—

Park Steeplechase—Mayfly.
Town Steeplechase—His Luck.
Licensed Victuallers' Hurdle—Little Milford
Victory Hurdle—Trotes.
Farmers' Hurdle—Debut.

1.30—PARK HOUSE HANDICAP CHASE of 75 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. 2 m.
WHITE RONALD (5th ex.) (Mr. McAlpine) ..... Age, st. lb.
ROUSHAM (5th ex.) (Mr. H. Dyke Dennis) ..... D. Harrison 10 12 11
PENCORD (5th ex.) (Lt.-Col. Fort Phillips) ..... Phillips 10 12 9
IRISH PRINCE (5th ex.) (Lt.-Col. Fort Phillips) ..... D. Harrison 7 12 0
BURRELT (Mr. J. Holmes) ..... D. Harrison 10 11 9
HAGIOLOGY (Mr. Newby) ..... Newby 10 11 5
HARRY HART (Mrs Basil Mundy) ..... D. Harrison 7 10 10
SQUANCOURT (Mr. D. Harrison) ..... D. Harrison 7 10 0
(The above have arrived.)
FUGO (Mr. T. Davidson) ..... Hastings 7 11 6
WINKLE (Mr. Lane Barnett) ..... Dale 11 11 2
MUNSTER MARINE (Miss K. Mac Breen) ..... Anthony 8 11 0
MAYFLY (Capt. McDougall) ..... McDougall 6 11 0
ROBIN HOOD (Mr. Carlisle-Rymer) ..... Hall 10 10 0
GONDOLIER (Mrs. W. Allden) ..... Allden 10 10 0
LADOMNE (Mr. J. T. Pearce) ..... Kemp 8 10 0
2.0—TOWN HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of 60 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. 2 m.
ROUSHAM (Mr. H. Dyke Dennis) ..... Age, st. lb.
CONDOR (Capt. Stanyforth) ..... D. Harrison 10 12 5
CUPID'S DART (Mrs. Butler na Lady Hamilton) ..... Woodland 6 11 11
NOBLE GUARD (Mr. Dennis) ..... D. Harrison 7 10 9
(The above have arrived.) ..... Barkhropp 14 10 0
HIS LUCK (Capt. Rudolf) ..... Hastings 9 12 0
MISS MICAWBER (Mrs. Wallis) ..... Newey 11 10 12
SOUTHERN 10th (Mr. Sandford) ..... Barkhropp 10 10 10
HOPEFUL (Mrs. F. A. Spencer) ..... Spencer 10 10 7
CUPID'S DART (Capt. T. McDougal) ..... McDougal 11 10 2
2.30—LICENSED VICTUALLERS' SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. Winner to be sold for £100. 2 m. Age, st. lb.
BARRY (Mr. H. Holmes) ..... D. Harrison 6 11 12
CARANTUOHIL (Mr. Barkhropp) ..... Barkhropp 9 11 12
IRISH PRINCE (5th ex.) (Lt.-Col. F. Phillips) ..... D. Harrison 7 12 0
SMERDIS (Miss G. M. Yates) ..... Tolley 7 11 6
MASTER MACREE (Mr. Knapman) ..... Saxby 9 10 8
(The above have arrived.)
EDNA'S CHOICE (Miss E. M. Wharton) ..... Bedford 6 11 11
COLCANNON (Mr. Peck) ..... Allden 5 11 9
B. JAY (Mr. W. Payne) ..... Payne 7 11 9
CORELAND (Mrs. A. Mastings) ..... Hastings 5 11 7
LADY JAQUENETTA (Mr. Cumpsty) ..... Newey 4 11 6
THE STAR (Mr. R. Williams) ..... R. Lee 7 11 6
MAIDIE (Mr. H. Dyke) ..... Newey 8 11 2
EXTRA BOLD (Mr. H. Guilding) ..... Rissell 4 11 1
LITTLE MILFORD (Mr. D. H. Thomas) ..... D. Harrison 9 10 13
BLOSSOM (Mr. A. C. Saunders) ..... Smyth 4 10 7
DRINKMORE (Mr. Hobart) ..... Hastings 6 10 5
3.0—VICTORY HURDLE RACE of 50 sovs. For horses that, to closing, have not won a hurdle race. Second receives 5 sovs. 2 m. Age, st. lb.
SOME DANCE (Mr. D. D. Stewart) ..... Kirk 4 11 10
DRINKMORE (Mrs. Hobart) ..... Hastings 4 10 12
PENCORD (Lt.-Col. F. Fort Phillips) ..... D. Harrison 10 11 10
(The above have arrived.)
RAGOUT (Mr. A. R. Firkins) ..... G. Read 7 11 10
RANCH MAN (Lt. Thos. Lisle) ..... Capt. Lisle 5 11 7
SPINEL (Mr. C. S. Clarke) ..... Dening 5 10 12
PARK HOUSE (Mr. H. Dyke) ..... D. Harrison 5 10 10
LAMONT (Mr. W. Filmer-Sankey) ..... Barkhropp 6 10 12
PRETEXT (Sir John Grey) ..... Barkhropp 5 10 12
CLYNO (Mr. Mansel-Lewis) ..... R. Doyle 5 10 12
B.V. (Miss A. Paull) ..... E. Doyle 5 10 12
MIRCYL (Lt.-Col. F. A. Spencer) ..... Spencer 6 10 12
PRINCESS PHOEBE (Mr. F. Collinson) ..... Collinson 4 10 2
PSYCHO (Mr. S. Peck) ..... W. Allden 4 10 2
STRIVING MILK (Mr. R. Power) ..... Lobo 4 10 2
MAGENTA (Mr. A. C. Saunders) ..... Clement 4 10 2
3.30—UNITED COUNTIES FARMERS' AND TRADESMEN'S HURDLE RACE of 25 sovs. Second receives 5 sovs. 2 m. Age, st. lb.
PEGGY VII. (Mr. H. H. Gibbon) ..... Private 6 12 0
MAYFLOWER II. (Mr. W. H. Rochfort-James) ..... Private a 12 0
JUMPER (Mr. T. Johnston) ..... Private a 12 0
MAY HILL (Mr. J. Morris) ..... Private 6 12 0
LADY C. (Mr. T. G. Phelps) ..... Private a 12 0
SORRELL (Mr. T. G. Phelps) ..... Private a 12 0
CARSEWAY (Mr. T. Rogers) ..... Private 6 12 0
NATAL DAY (Mr. R. Gibby) ..... Private 6 11 4
CAUSEWAY II. (Mr. J. Morris) ..... Private 6 11 4
MILL LAD (Mr. W. Evans) ..... Private 4 10 10

BILLIARDS.

AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP.

Sam Mayo had slightly the better of the afternoon session against C. H. Mortimer in the Southern Section's third qualifying heat at Thurston's Hall, London, yesterday afternoon scoring 500 against Mortimer's 433. The chief breaks were 59, 32, 30 and 53 in Robertstown's 2,000 at a long time against. Interval scores:—Mayo (in play), 500; Mortimer, 433.

The evening play was very dull, although Mortimer scored the faster, and defeated Mayo by 2,000 to 971. The winner had breaks of 64, 39, 37, 68, 36 and 34 (unfinished), and Mayo had 56 (twice), 37 and 36. Result:—Mortimer, 1,000; Mayo, 971.

NEWMAN'S FINE FORM.

The champion wrested the lead from Smith during the professor's afternoon's play in their 15,000 match at Bradford, and gave a wonderful display in a break of 4,435 (unfinished). In the early part of the session neither player did anything of note, but later Newman had 551 and Smith 534. Interval scores:—Newman (in play), 3,240; Smith, 3,235.

Newman added only 24 points to his unfinished 4,435 break at night, but he afterwards added useful runs of 311, 246, and 94 (unfinished). Smith's best were 379 and 160. Closing scores:—Newman (in play), 4,000; Smith, 3,786.

RUGBY.

THE BROWNLIE INCIDENT.

ENGLISH CAPTAIN'S STATEMENT

The Press Association is requested by Mr. W. W. Wakefield, the England captain, to say in view of the many conflicting statements attributed to him with reference to the Brownlie incident in the big match at Twickenham last Saturday, that he wishes to make it clear that what he said about the matter after the match was that he did not see the incident and therefore had no statement to make. Mr. Wakefield adds that any other remarks attributed to him concerning the incident are untrue.

THE REPORT OF THE REFEREE.

The report of Mr. A. E. Freethy, referee in the England v. New Zealand match on Saturday last, was yesterday despatched to the English and Welsh Unions. It is understood that in the report Reg Edwards, the Newport captain, has been mentioned for alleged rough play, after he had been cautioned. The report also deals with the Brownlie incident and the match in general.

Interviewed by the Press Association representative last night, Reg Edwards denies emphatically that he was kicked at any period of the game. He also stated: "I would like the public to know that Cyril Brownlie did not kick me at any time during the play. He did strike me in the face and gave me a black eye early in the game, when we came together at a line out, but that was three or four minutes before he was ordered off. The referee saw that incident."

C. A. KERSHAW'S TRIAL.

At the request of the English International Selection Committee, Mr. Cecil Kershaw, brother of C. A. Kershaw at scrum-half against Blackheath in the match at the Rectory Field on Saturday, will, it is believed, receive a trial for England. If successful, he may be selected on the team to play Ireland. Mr. Kershaw, who travelled to France as reserve Irish forward, will also be in the Harlequins' team on Saturday.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURES.

Guy's v. Co. Carlow. Guy's.
Belvedere v. Londonderry Vacation XV. Londonderry.
Lansdowne road, 3 o'clock.
Wanderers Schoolboys v. Palmerstown Schoolboys. Lansdowne road, 3 o'clock.

TEAMS FOR TO-DAY.

Belvedere.—Backs—C. Nolcahy; M. Roche, V. McAllister, D. Morris, D. J. O'Connor; J. O'Callaghan, D. Hickey (Capt.), Tighe, Cregg, McAuley, E. G. Crosby, R. H. Tighe, J. Cregg, W. Scott, J. McGrath, T. J. Flood. Substitutes:—Backs—Owens; forwards—F. Mooney, J. Murphy and D. Toomey.

Palmerstown Schoolboys.—W. Conlter; J. Waddell, P. Hussey, V. Begley, G. Boucher; D. Chance, V. E. Kerr; M. E. Bardon, T. D. Murphy, T. F. Hogan, S. Halliday, W. Davies, G. Metcalf, D. Harper, R. Stewart.

Wanderers Schoolboys. — Larrigz; Myerscough, Hammond, Stanley, Isaac; Robertson, Pilkington, Bradshaw, Davies, Digges, Malcolm, Mallagh, Martin, Smith, White.

PALMERSTOWN SCHOOLBOYS v. MONKSTOWN SCHOOLBOYS.

This match was played at Sydney Parade yesterday, and resulted in a win for Palmerstown by 4 goals 4 tries (32 points) to 1 goal (5 points). The scores were made by Dixon (2), Dillon (2), Dunne (2), Hughes (2), Dillon (1), Dixon (1), Dunne (1), Hughes (1) and Mahony (1). Monkstown's scores, while M'Gowen scored for Palmerstown.

LANSDOWNE SCHOOLBOYS v. BELVEDERE (S.C.Y.).—At Lansdowne road, 2.30 p.m. Lansdowne—Martin; Hewat, Gilligan, Hogan, Grealy; Mahony, Kelly, Swayne, Tyrrell; Hayes, Warren, Burley, M'Neasey, Plunket.

OLD WESLEY.—Scrum practice this evening at 7.30 at Donnybrook.

INTERNATIONAL TRIALS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

Sir,—I beg to put forward the following suggestion for one of the forthcoming trial matches for the Irish International team. The match is scheduled for the 24th and 31st January at Ravenhill, Belfast, and Lansdowne road respectively. Why not, instead of playing the usual trial, take the form of The Combined Universities of Dublin and Belfast? The world possibly has greater attention in the public than say, Whites v. Blues, and would, moreover, almost evenly divide the club candidates for the Irish fifteen. I would suggest that the following should be included in the Universities' side:—Full-back, J. N. Stuart (Belfast); three-quarters, J. Hanna, T. Millin (Trinity), G. V. Stephenson, T. Hewitt (Queen's); half-backs, R. Beard (Trinity), R. Davy (National); forwards, J. D. Clinch, R. Critchley, T. M. Stuart, R. Elood (Trinity), A. Nunn (National), G. Carutt (Queen's), and two others.

"The Rest" would, doubtless, include W. F. Crawford, W. Mulligan, Cecil Boyd, Ivan Eccles, Aitkin, J. C. McDowell, F. S. Hewitt, M. Bradley, W. F. Browne, W. Colopy, J. Colopy, J. Cunningham, J. Hewitt, T. McCullagh, Dr. McVicker, and a centre three-quarter to be decided on. This match would give the selectors ample opportunity of "Probables" team to meet the "Possibles," and would, in my opinion, provide one of the most interesting and important representative games ever seen in Ireland.—Yours, etc.,

C. MIDDLETON CRAIG.

Belfast, January 7th, 1925.

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

January	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 10th	Kilrue	1.30

THE KILDARE.

Friday, 9th	Kildangan	11. 0
Saturday, 10th	Patrickstown Gate	11. 0

THE MEATH.

To-day	Patrickstown X	11. 0
Friday, 9th	Dunsany	11. 0
Saturday, 10th	Killua Castle	11. 0

BRAY HARRIERS.—Saturday, 10th, Frankfill. At 1.30.

FINGAL HARRIERS.—Friday, 9th, Leggan Man. Meet 11 o'clock.

HILLSIDE HARRIERS.—Saturday, 10th, Kingswood. Naas road. At 2 o'clock.

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THE MEATH HOUNDS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

The advent of the new year did not make any improvement in the boisterous weather; in fact, all day on the 2nd there was a terrific hurricane blowing. The meet was at Kilmoon, and immediately on hounds entering Mr. Reynolds' sticks they killed at once. A hunt of thirty-five minutes followed from Pierstown into Louth territory via Balgeeth, with Ardcath village on the right, and past Clatterstown to the river below Carnes covert, when our fox turned up the valley, with Bellewstown Hill on the left, to Newtown House, and then right-handed over Fowlerstown to the river under Herbertstown, when a severe snowstorm obliterated all further trace. Having got such a distance out of our draw Slator's was not reached until 4 p.m., where there was a quick find, but the intervention of another blizzard made it impossible to do anything, and hounds went home.

On the following morning the weather had only improved a little for the meet at Britfas, which itself was blank. A fox from Cruicetown later, however, took us a fast right-handed half circle back to Britfas, where he was not accounted for. A diminutive object and his tail in Robertstown took a long time to force out, but having made a sweep by the Headfort plantations he was left at the place of finding. The occupant at Screebogue seemed to know and try every hole in the country. He was hunted at a good pace through Rathmance and back to ground at the starting place, where he got in, and having been evicted ran to Ardnagh, before turning left-handed over Tullypole, and got to ground once more by Drumlayne, which finished a moderate day, with scent the same.

BADMINTON.

LEINSTER v. ULSTER.—Special photographs of the Interprovincial teams, taken at Belfast, appear in the Weekly *Irish Times* to-day.—(Advt.)

THE SECOND TEST.

ENGLAND'S FIGHT FOR RUNS.

SUTCLIFFE CREATES A RECORD.

PRESS ASSOCIATION FOREIGN SPECIAL.

MELBOURNE, Wednesday.

England battled hard for runs to-day in the Test match, and, thanks mainly to the magnificent defensive tactics of Sutcliffe, who batted all day with stubborn determination, and was still undefeated with 114 to his credit at the drawing of stumps, the Englishmen are still in the running, and have an excellent chance of gaining a much needed victory.

In again reaching three figures, Sutcliffe performed the unprecedented feat of scoring three consecutive centuries in Test cricket, and also equalled Warren Bardsley's record of two separate hundreds in an England-Australia match, made at the Oval in 1909. No other English cricketer has accomplished this feat against Australia, although the Essex cricketer, Russell, made a century in each innings in the England-South Africa Test game at Durban two years ago. The Yorkshireman's masterly innings aroused great enthusiasm among the spectators, and was eulogised everywhere as the finest display of bull-dog tenacity seen for a very long time. The Australian bowlers kept a good length, and the fielding showed considerable improvement, and was very keen. The wicket was hard as flint, and the ball used before lunch was found to be badly cut about, showing edges that looked as if they had been made by a carpenter's plane, and exposing the hidden stitching. A new ball was requisitioned after lunch, and it was frequently changed during the afternoon.

FOUR BATSMEN OUT L.B.W.

It was a rather extraordinary fact that the first four batsmen in the English innings were all dismissed under the l.b.w. rule, the umpire, Garing, giving three of the decisions, and when Woolley was sent back after tea the crowd shouted: "What will they say in England?" and "Wait for the English newspaper comments."

Woolley states that he played the ball from which he was given out, and Oldfield, the Australian wicket-keeper, corroborates the batsman's assertion. The attendance to-day numbered 20,888, and the receipts to £1,851.

The weather was fine but cloudy when Sutcliffe (12) and Strudwick (15) continued the English innings for a second time, with the total at 54 for 1 wicket. Mailey and Gregory led the attack, Sutcliffe taking the first over against the googly bowler. Off the second ball he received the Yorkshireman was missed by Gregory in the slips. It was a difficult chance, and Gregory fell in a gallant attempt to reach the ball. Twenty-one runs had been added to the over-night score when Jack Hearne got Strudwick caught leg before for a defiant 22, compiled in 50 minutes. The Surrey wicket-keeper was loudly cheered for his plucky effort. Gregory's analysis at this point was 1 for 22.

II.

Hearne joined Sutcliffe, and, inspired by the Yorkshireman's example, played very cautious cricket for the first few overs. At 95, Arthur Richardson was introduced into the attack at Gregory's end, the retiring bowlers figures for to-day reading 8-2, 17-1. Hearne, once established, played attractive, yet careful, cricket, and, with a delightful late cut off Mailey, raised the hundred to be signalled when the innings was exactly two hours old. Collins persisted in his policy of frequent changes in the attack, and at 101 Hartkopf took the ball from Mailey, while three runs later Kelleway came back at Arthur Richardson's end. The luncheon interval arrived with the partnership unbroken, Sutcliffe being 46 and Hearne 23, and the total 121 for 2.

WOOLLEY'S AGGRESSIVE TACTICS.

Gregory and Kelleway shared the attack when the game was resumed, and off the former's third ball Hearne was dismissed leg-before without having improved on his lunch score. Woolley and Sutcliffe were then associated, and the Kent cricketer made a great effort to score at a good rate. Woolley's aggressive tactics drew Sutcliffe out of his shell, and the Yorkshire player quickly brought his total to 50 after a period of being altogether for two hours and three-quarters. Following this he hit with great freedom, collecting 14 in one over from Gregory. Woolley then helped the total along with a beautiful drive past cover and a glorious late cut, both strokes sending the ball hard against the fence. Sutcliffe followed with another powerful straight drive which went to the boundary, amid cheers.

This success only served to encourage Collins to change Kelleway to the bowler with another crisp late cut for Mailey at 151; but Woolley was in irresistible form and challenged the googly

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

MARKETS AT A GLANCE.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

STOCKS AND SHARES:—

London Stock Markets firm—followed by a reaction.

Dublin Stock Exchange busier—Bank Stock and Textiles strong.

National Loan, 92.

Manchester Textiles rising.

Birmingham Motor Shares advancing.

New York Stock Markets irregular.

BANK OF ENGLAND RATE	4	per cent.
SAME DAY LAST YEAR	4	,,
IRISH BANKS RATE	5	,,
Do., DEPOSIT RATE	2	,,
LONDON DAY-TO-DAY LOANS...	3-3½	,,
Do., CALL MONEY	2	,,

LONDON STOCKS FIRM.

REACTION AT THE CLOSE.

The London Stock markets were again active yesterday, there being a large demand, more particularly for Textiles, Oils, and base metal shares, while Tea descriptions firmed up. Subsequently a mild reaction occurred, causing prices to dip below the best. A generally firm tone was noticeable in British Funds, and after a steady opening they showed a decided tendency to improve; however, they dropped back and at the finish generally repeated overnight levels. War Five closed ¼ lower at 101¼, after touching 101⅜. Among Colonial Government Stocks, New South Wales 4½ p.c. 1929-27 finished at a point to the good at 99, while South Africa 4 p.c. Cons. at 91 and Queensland 4½ p.c. 1920-25 at 101 were a point and half a point higher respectively. Victoria 4½ p.c. Scrip were quoted at ¼ discount, while Australia 4½ p.c. were 7⅛. Sudan Fives were 42⅛, and South Africa Fives 7⅛. A big business was put through in Textiles, and prices were higher where any change occurred. Courtaulds rose 1s. 3d. to 72s. 6d., after being in good demand throughout the day. Bleachers gained ¼, while Bradford Dyers at 4s⅛ were also ¼ to the good. Calico Printers and Sewing Cottons, Fine Spinners and Lister Ord. were all ⅛ better, while Coats were also 1s. 3d. to the good. Amalgamated Cotton put on 6d. to 12s., British Celanese at 8s. showed an improvement of 4½d. Telegraphs were steady, and generally unchanged. Eastern Corporation Common gained 1s 1½, but the Pref. at 10⅛ were ⅛ lower on the day. Among Brewery descriptions, Distillers dropped back to 61s. 3d., but others were quite firm, though without much alteration. A slightly better tone was evident in Iron, Coal and Steel issues. John Brown were a good spot, the fully paid gaining 7½d., while the 15s. paid at 12s. were 6d. better. Among Land shares, Sudan Plantations dropped back to 7⅛, or ⅛ lower on the day. Dunlops were the turn harder, and at the close the Ord. showed a gain of 6d. to 10s. 9d. Tobaccos were good, with British American 6d. better at 11s.

FOREIGN BONDS EASIER.

Foreign Government Stocks were the turn easier. French Fives lost ¼ to 19½; the Fours were well maintained at 16. Peruvians reacted slightly, the Pref. dropping ½ to 40 x.d.; the Ord. and the Debs. were both steady at overnight levels. Portuguese 3 p.c. gave way, and finished ½ lower at 27½. Greek Sevens were marked at 40-⅜.

BRITISH RAILS BETTER.

Home Rails were the turn better. A fair business was put through, and at the close prices were higher where altered. Great Western at 109 showed an increase of ¼. Midland Ord. at 102 and North-Eastern 5 p.c. Pref. Ord. at 82½ were both unaltered, but the Defd. Ord. at 31½ were ½ to the good.

FOREIGN RAILS IRREGULAR.

Colonial and Foreign Rails were inclined to irregularity. Among Buenos Ayres issues, Great Southern at 89½ were ½ better, while others were unchanged. "Caupas" at 150 were unchanged, but Grand Trunk Pacific 4 p.c. Debs. shed a point to 63½. Entre Rios Ord. dropped back to 33½, or ½ lower. United Havana further improved to 90½, or ½ better. Costa Ricans were firm, but with the exception of a rise of a point in the 2nd Pref. to 37, no alteration was shown. Mexicans were quiet.

OIL SHARES LOWER.

Following the display of strength on the preceding day by certain favourites in the Oil Share market, buoyancy characterised the opening yesterday, but later an easier tendency developed and in most shares wide fluctuations occurred. On balance prices of most of the leading issues were lower. Leading issues generally had a steadier appearance at the start, but further sales of Royal Dutch and Shells were encountered on Amsterdam account, causing the prices to give way, the decline in these shares having a depressing effect upon other favourites. Anglo-Persians, after having been bid for at an advance, finally registered a shrinkage, and Burmahs also weakened. Anglo-Americans preserved a steady tone, but the Mexican Eagle issues, in which business remained small, left off easier. Venezuelans again figured prominently in the day's business. British Controlled continued their upward course for a short while, but later suffered from realisations, some of which were reported to be in connection with a deceased account. The shares became a distinctly difficult market at times, and at the end registered an appreciable set-back. V.O.C. Holdings also made a firm start, but in sympathy with the general tendency the price gradually weakened. Trinidad Leaseholds were again prominent in the Trinidad group, the shares further improving.

RUBBER SHARES STILL IRREGULAR.

An irregular tendency characterised the Rubber Share market yesterday. The amount of business transacted was on a fairly large scale, and a long list of alterations were recorded. A number of issues further improved during the day, but the majority of price changes were in the downward direction. Linggi were an exceptionally firm spot, and at the finish an increase of 2s. 3d. was marked, the final quotation being 43s. 9d. Tamiang also showed up well, and here a gain of 1s. to 32s. was recorded. Highlands put on 9d. to 43s. 6d., while Glenbervie were also 9d. to the good at 32s. B.N.B.R. Trusts were firmer, and at the close an improvement of 9d. was shown, the closing level being 13s. 10½d. Anglo-Dutch were another good spot, and here a rise of 6d. was marked to 51s. 3d. Ampat put on 4d. to 6s. 9d. Mendaris put on 1½d. to 14s. 1½d. Tali Ayer gained 6d. to 24s. 3d. and Rubber Trust were 3d. to the good at 36s. 6d. Tebrau and Batu Tiga, on the other hand, were extremely dull, and the former closed 2s. 6d. down at 45s. 9d., while the latter shed 2s. to 39s. 3d. United Sua Betong dropped 1s. 3d. to 77s. 6d., as did Sapong and Serdang Central to 46s. 3d. and 30s. 6d. respectively. Sapumalkanda at 25s. 7½d. and Seafield at 12s. 4½d. were both 1s. 1½d. lower, while Sialang shed 1s. to 38s. 1½d. Sepang Selangor finished the day at 19s. 1½d., or 5d. down. The price of rubber rose to 10½d. per lb.

TEA SHARES BETTER.

A much better tone was manifest in the Tea Share market yesterday. The amount of business transacted, however, was still on the small side, and for the most part confined to the recognised leaders. A fairly long list of alterations was recorded, and while a number of issues dropped still lower the majority of changes were in favour of holders. Consolidated Tea and Lands opened exceptionally strong, the opening quotation being a good point above the overnight closing level. During the day they further improved to 77½ x.d., or an increase of 1½ points on the day. Amalgamated Estates were another good spot, and here a gain of a point was registered, the closing figure being 44½. Assam Frontier put on ⅛ to 8⅛, while Anglo-Ceylon at 53s. 10½d. and Associated Estates at 43s. 6d. were 41d. and 6d. better respectively. Brahmapootra gained ¼ to 32½, while Borelli at 5½ were ⅛ to the good. Jhanzie were firmer from the outset, and with few shares in the market, they further hardened to 92s. 9d., or 2s. 3d. higher on the day. Jokai put on 1s. 6d. to 94s. 6d., while Jorehaut at 96s. 7½d. were 1s. 7½d. to the good. Moabund at 81s. 9d. marked a gain of 2s., while Lungla moved slightly higher at 47s. 4½d. Borbella, on the other hand, were a weak spot, and at the close a decline of 1½ points was recorded, the price being only 30⅞. Ceylon Plant shed ⅛ to 5⅛, while Doom Dooms at 5⅞ x.d. were also ⅛ lower on the day. New Sylhet gave way as the close, and showed a loss of ⅛ to 5⅞. Longai Valley shed 1s. 6d. to 48s. 6d., while Dooloogram at 67s. were 9d. below the previous closing level. Upper Assam at 68s. 7½d. and Rosehaugh Ceylon at 55s. 1½d. were both 1½d. down on the day's business.

INDUSTRIALS STRONGER.

Renewed strength was exhibited by practically all sections of the Miscellaneous and Industrial markets yesterday, and business was quite good. Tobaccos had a firm appearance, United South issues appreciating, while among *News Daily Mirrors* responded to a renewed demand. On the satisfactory results so far announced, Bank shares showed to advantage, and Insurances were particularly good, Scottish Union and National "A" shares providing the features. Nitrates, on the other hand, were weak, and Chinese Engineering dropped ⅛ to 3½. Shipping securities were well maintained, Furness Withys meeting with support, and rising 9d. to 35s. 6d., while Cunards improved to 19s. 9d. Wireless descriptions were rather better, Marconi Ord., hardening to 1½, while the Prefs. put on ⅛ to 1½, and the Debs. ¼ to 102. Further realisations of Distillers led to a fall of 4s. to 61s. Buchanans and J. & W. Walkers, however, hardened to 69s. and 69s. 9d. respectively. Breweries exhibited renewed strength. City of Londons continued in request, and further improved to 75s., or 2s. better. Bass Ratcliffs rose ½, and Allsopps hardened to 15s. Watney Defd., however, receded to 323/4. In anticipation of a good report, Listers were in demand, and provided one of the features of the textile market. They finished 1s. 3d. better on balance at 75s. Courtaulds, after opening a strong market at 73s. 3d. came on offer, and fell to 72s. 3d. at one time, but subsequently recovered and closed without quotable alteration at 72s. 9d. Celanese and the Prefs. were wanted as a result of which the former rose 1s. 3d. to 8s. 9d., while the Prefs. put on 9d. to 12s. 3d. American Cellulose Common rose 1 to 15. Advances of 6d. occurred in English Sewing Cottons to 67s. 9d., and in Fine Spinners to 60s. 9d. Bleachers put on 6d. to 69s. 9d. ex-div., and Calico Printers a like amount to 40s. Coats stiffened to 63s. 9d., though Amalgamated Cottons eased to 11s. 10½d. One of the features of the Miscellaneous Trading Section was a good demand for Brunner Monds., which raised the price 9d. to 40s. Borax Def. further advanced to 43s. 9d. Nobel issues were a firm market, the Ord. at 25s. 6d., the Prefs. at 21s. 6d., and the Def. at 10s. There was an inquiry for Amalgamated Dental Pref. shares at round 18s. James Finlay recovered 1s. to 75s. 9d. Swedish Match continued off colour, and further receded to 11½, while the "B" fell ⅛ to 10⅛. Dunlops eased to 10s. 6d.

LATEST CLOSING AND STREET PRICES.

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	57-58⅜	4½% Conv. Ln.	87-87½
War Loan 5%	101-101¼	5% Treas. Bds. 1929-1947	101-101⅛
Do. 4½%	97-97⅜	Irish Land 3½%	67-69
Do. 4%	91½-92	India 3%	57-59
Do. 3½%	81-82	Do. 2½%	53-55
Do. 3%	76½-77½	Do. 2½%	50-52
Funding Ln.	97½-97⅝	Local Loans	88-89½
Victory Bds.	87½-88	Sudan 4½%	42-43
Conv. 5% War Ln.	100⅛-100¼	Tanganyika 4½%	87-89

BANKS.

Anglo-S. Amer.	7½-7⅞	Hong Kong	138-146
Australasia	134-141	Lloyds	62½-63½
Barclays (D.C.O.)	87½-88½	Martins	57½-58½
Do. (Colonial)	87½-88½	Nat. Dis.	91½-92½
Do. N.Y.	90-93	Nat Prov.	67½-68½
Barclays A	87½-88½	Nat Prov. Def.	17½-18½
Brit. Linen	7-7½	Royal Bk. of Can.	195-205
Do. Overseas	5-5½	Stand. E.A.	11½-12½
Bk. of Com.	41-43	Un. Australia	14½-15
Chartered India	21½-22½	Westminster	37½-38½

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Alberta 4½ 1941	83-85	Ontario 4 (1908-26)	88-90
Aust. Com. 5½	102-103	Do. 4½ 1929-42	97½-98½
Do. 5	101-102	Do. 4½ 1937-57	97½-98½
Do. 4½	97-98	Do. 4½ 1939-59	97½-98½
Brit. Col. 4½ 1941	93-95	Quebec 4 (1908-28)	88-90
Canada 4	91-93	Do. 4½	104-106
Do. 4½ 1936-60	97-98	Queensland 4½	99-101
Cape 3½ Cons.	69-71	S. Africa 4 Cons.	90-92
Ceylon 4½	107-109	Do. 4½ 1937-57	100-102
Do. 4 1937-57	97-99	Do. 4½ 1937-77	100-102
N.S.W. 4½ 1935-45	99-100½	Victoria 4½	98-99
N.S.W. 4 1932-42	87-89	W. Aust. 4½	98-99
N.Z. 4½ 1929-49	99-100	W. Aust. 4 1933-53	87-89
Nigeria 4%	115-118	Do. 4½ 1938-58	100-102

FOREIGN BONDS.

M.U. Jan. 6			
20½	Argentine, 1886	99	101*
—	Do. 5 p.c. 1909	97	99
—	Do. 5 p.c. 1909	97	99
72½	Brazil 5 p.c. Funding, 1895	71	72
—	Do. 5 p.c. 1903	71	72
—	Do. 5 p.c. 1914	71	72
19½	Chilian 6 p.c. 1900	78	80
—	Central W. of Ry.	13½	14½
—	Costa Rica 7 p.c. 1911	70	75
—	Do. 5 p.c. 1914	71	73
—	Cundinamarca 6 p.c. 1904	78	80
78½	Egyptian Unified	78½	79½
—	Do. 4 p.c.	13½	14½
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	13½	14½
—	Italian Rentes	17½	18½
—	Japan 4 p.c. 1905	80	82
19½	Do. 6 p.c. 1904-1907	97	99
—	Do. 6 p.c. 1924	91½	93½
21	Mexican 5 p.c. 1899	20	21
—	Do. 6 p.c. 10-P. Treas.	20	21
—	Peruvian Corporation ...	39	41
—	Do. Pref.	100	101
—	Do. Deb.	100	101
37½	Portuguese 3 p.c.	26½	27½
—	San Paulo 8 p.c.	101	103
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	69	71
61½	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	60½	61½

BRITISH RAILS.

109½	Great Western	109½	109½ + ¼
101½	Lon. Mid. & Scot. Ord.	101½	102¼
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Red. Pref.	—	—
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Pref.	—	—
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref., 1923.	—	—
82½	Lon. North-East., 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	82½	82½
31	Do. Def. Ord.	31½	31½ + ⅛
82½	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	82½	82½
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref. ..	—	—
81½	Metropolitan	81½	81½
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	—	—
—	Do. District	—	—
34½	Southern Def. Ord.	34½	34½
—	Do. Def. Ord.	—	—
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	—	—
—	Do. — p.c.	—	—
—	Do. — p.c.	—	—
3½	Underground Electric ...	3	3½
10½	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	10	10½
102	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	101	102

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

89	Antofagasta	88½	89½
—	Argentine G.W. Ord. ...	79½	80½
—	Bahia Blanca	—	—
—	Buenos Ayres Connect.	89½	90½
88½	Buenos Ayres Gt. S. ...	88½	89½
79½	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	79½	80½
76	Buenos Ayres and W. ...	77½	78½
—	Canadian Pacific	127	128
75½	Caraccas	75½	76½
75½	Central Uruguay	73½	74½
71½	Cordoba Central	69½	71½
—	Do. 1st Pref.	89	91
—	Do. 2nd Pref.	89	91
61½	Entre Rios	33	33½
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	89	91
—	Great Southern 5 p.c. Guar.	89	91
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	63	65
—	Grand Trunk Pac. Deb.	63½	64½
—	Leopoldina	23	24
4½	Mexican Rails	4½	5½
25	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	25	27
12	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	12	14
13	Mexican Nat. 4 p.c. 1st	13	14
—	Mexican Nat. 2nd Pref.	—	—
167	San Paulo Ord.	166	168
104½	United Havana	90½	91½ + ½

AMERICAN RAILS.

—	Atchison	112	112 + ¼
—	Baltimore	48	48½
—	Canadian Pacific	127	128
—	Chicago, Milwaukee ...	36	37
34	Erie	34	34½
—	Do. 1st Pref.	—	—
—	New York, Ontario	—	—
—	Do. Western	—	—
—	Do. Pref.	—	—
109	Southern Pacific	109	109½
158	Union Pacific	158	158½ + ½

TELEGRAPHS.

24½	Anglo-American Def. ...	24½	24½
10	Marconi Wireless Ord...	9½	10
1½	Do. Pref.	1½	1⅝
—	Do. Debs.	101	103
1⅞	Pacific & European ...	1⅞	2
5⅛	Do. Canada	5⅛	5⅜
—	Orient Cable Ord.	5	5½
13½	Radio Corporation	13½	14
103	Do. Pref. (1920)	102	103 + ½

BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES.

15¼	Allsopp & Sons	15	15½
80	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	80	82
—	Bass, Ratcliff & Gr. Pref.	97	99
69	Guinness	69½	70
—	Do. Pref.	120	130*
29½	Peter Walker Ord.	29½	31½
21½	South African Breweries	21½	22
21½	Tennent Caledonia Stks.	21½	22
224	Watney Combe Def.	222	227

FOODSTUFFS AND STORES.

24½	Aerated Bread	24½	25
47½	Def. Ord.	47½	48½
12⅜	Lipton	12⅜	12⅝
41½	Maypole (£1)	41½	42½
4/10½	Mackintosh, 12½ Pref. ...	27/6	27/6 - 0/7½
—	Maypole Def. Ord.	8½	8⅝
—	Schofield, Arg. Meat ...	2	2½
—	Spratt's Patent	2	2½
—	Union Cold Storage Pref.	1	1¼
1½	Van Den Berghs	1½	1⅝
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